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A FULLER STORY OF THE GREAT SKY BATTLE OVER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL YESTERDAY GIVEN BY THE AIR MINISTRY LAST NIGHT SAYS: "THE GERMAN AIR FORCE TO-DAY SUFFERED THEIR HEAVIEST LOSSES SINCE THE AIR WAR ROUND OUR COASTS BEGAN.

"Nineteen Junkers dive-bombers and 34 Messerschmidt fighters — 53 in all — were destroyed by Hurricanes and Spitfires over the English Channel.

ACTION
STATIONS
IN INDO-
CHINA

Determined to resist invasion from any quarter, the Governor-General of French Indo-China, Admiral Decoux, has ordered the French Far Eastern fleet to take up stations at various Indo-China ports, according to the Chinese press in Shanghai this morning.

French colonial troops, it is reported, are being augmented by recruiting Annamites.

Over 20 Japanese destroyers and other warships are said to be concentrating in Tongking Bay while a squadron of the Japanese Third Fleet is steaming from Formosa towards Indo-China.

Japanese troop transports are also reported to have left Formosa for South China and a military conference has been summoned by the Japanese commander-in-chief of the naval squadron in Chinese waters to be held in Hainan very shortly with a view to drawing up the necessary measures.—Reuter.

ANOTHER TAIPO
LANDSLIDE VICTIM

The body of another unknown woman was dug out from the landslide near the Taipu Tunnel yesterday, bringing the number of bodies unearched to 10.

WEATHER FORECAST: East winds, moderate; fair.

"They were shot down during a series of attacks on convoys which lasted from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sixteen of our fighters are missing.

"A Hurricane squadron in three fights sent 21 enemy aircraft crashing into the sea. One was shot down by Polish pilots in action with the Fighter Command for the first time.

"To-day's main air battle was fought in three parts. First German attack on the convoy took place between 9 and 9.30 a.m. when six Junkers dive-bombers and three Messerschmidts were destroyed by a squadron of Hurricanes which was most successful in the day's engagements.

"Second attack on the same convoy by a still larger formation of dive-bombers and escorting fighters developed between 11.30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

"Finally, throwing nearly 150 dive-bombers and fighters into the battle, the Germans made a third attack between 4 and 5 p.m.

Sky Literally Black

"A squadron leader, describing one of the fights, said the sky over the convoy was 'literally black' with German bombers and fighters.

"After the first morning battle, a Polish flying officer (who speaks very little English) told, with the help of his fellow pilots, how he saw his first large formation of Junkers supported by new Heinkel 113 fighters.

"He said he was attacked by three Heinkel 113's who seemed to be working to plan—one flying alone and the other two as a pair. 'If you attack the pair, the single one tries to get on your tail.'

"He tackled the single Heinkel and watched it go down smoking, though he was unable to see the final crash. The other two flew off.

"It was during the last battle in the afternoon that this Polish pilot got his first Messerschmidt 109.

"A flight lieutenant in the most successful Hurricane squadron managed to bring down two Junkers though his engines stopped.

Just Got Back

"He said he was forced to retire owing to engine failure but dived on a Junkers 87. After three or four seconds of bursts it dived and crashed into the sea. My engine started again so I went after another Junkers 87 and attacked him before he was able to make down.

"He managed to land at a nearby aerodrome.

"In the second battle of the day three Hurricanes of this squadron met 10 Messerschmidt 110's and shot three of them and a Messerschmidt 109 down into the sea.

Decoy Game

"One Messerschmidt 109 was being used as a decoy. While the Hurricanes were attacking, the 110's were supposed to take them by surprise, but as one of the Hurricane pilots said: 'The Messerschmidt 109 over-acted his part.'

"Meanwhile a Spitfire squadron chased seven Messerschmidt 109's over the Channel and destroyed six of them.

"As the finishing touch a Spitfire pilot fired at a German torpedo-boat off Calais; several of the crew fell overboard."—Reuter.

General Dog-Fight

Twelve Hurricane pilots of the R.A.F. Fighter Command lived again over the English Channel yesterday morning an engagement fought by the same squadron more than two months ago in defence of the retreating B.E.F.

"They shot down six Junkers 87's and three Messerschmidt 109's, also damaging others.

Some of Germany's new Heinkel 115 fighters were in action.

As that over France the engagement quickly became a general dog-fight with each Hurricane pilot working on his own and attacking bombers and fighters as opportunity offered. — British Wireless.

AMAH KILLED

A 10-year-old amah, Cheng Huang, of No. 19, Gun Club Hill, was killed yesterday when she fell 20 feet while clearing windows before he was able to make down.

LOSS OF
OSWALD
CONFIRMED

An Admiralty communique states that the submarine Oswald (Lt-Comm Fraser), operating in Mediterranean waters, is overdue and must be considered lost.

An Italian communique has stated that 52 officers and men of Oswald, including the commanding officer are prisoners and unhurt. Total complement was five officers and 50 ratings. — Reuter.

GENERAL NOGUES
BACK IN MOROCCO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") General Nogues, Resident-General of French Morocco, arrived in Marseilles yesterday by air from Vichy and then took off again for Morocco. He had conferred in Vichy with Marshal Petain and members of the Government. — Havas.

JAPANESE
PRESSURE
ON N.E.I.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL REQUEST THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES TO GIVE ESPECIALLY CLOSE CONSIDERATION TO A BILL NOW BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL PROVIDING AN INCREASE IN THE EXPORT TAX ON CRUDE OIL, INDUSTRIAL SALT, GUTTA PERCHA AND OIL BY-PRODUCTS, THE TOKYO PRESS STATED YESTERDAY.

The N.E.I. initiated the bill as a measure to raise more revenue to cover part of the extraordinary wartime expenses incurred by the islands.

The export tax would be raised from three to eight per cent. Since the exports affected are the very commodities Japan considers among her most important imports, the Gaimusho is expected to ask special reconsideration of the tax increase. — Havas.

FLOODS IN FRENCH
INDO-CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Torrential rains on the upper reaches of the Red River in French Indo-China have interrupted traffic on roads in the vicinity of Hanoi. A dam was opened yesterday to free the flooded parts. — Havas.

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KILL-JOYS AMONG THE JAPANESE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A further warning to Japanese in Tientsin not to frequent amusement centres in the foreign Concessions after midnight was issued yesterday by the Japanese consul-general. Any Japanese disobeying the order will be severely punished. Falling within the scope of the order are cafes, bars and ballrooms. — Havas.

SIXPENCE A DAY MORE FOR ARMY

The troops are to get sixpence a day more in wages, Sir Kingsley-Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons yesterday.

The increase, he said, was warranted by the additional taxes on tobacco and beer, higher postal and railway charges and the rise in the general cost of living.

The increase will cover warrant officers, N.C.O.s and men and will, it is hoped, be put into effect by the end of the month. With the increase, every sailor, soldier and airman will be left free to decide to what purpose it should be devoted.

The cost of this additional grant, said the Chancellor, will be about £9,000,000 a year for each 1,000,000 men. — Reuter.

RIOM COURT SITS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The new French Supreme Court of Justice was inaugurated at Riom yesterday in a ten-minute session in the presence of the Minister of Justice, M. Alibert. — Havas.

BRITISH EMPLOYERS LIVING IN FOOL'S PARADISE

DISCUSSING THE training of workers, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, declared in the House of Commons yesterday there appeared to be a lack of appreciation in industry generally of the enormous need for a rapid expansion of training to meet the requirements of the expanding munitions programme and the maintenance of a satisfactory export position.

It must be recognised, he said, that the enemy had paid special attention to this problem and if the Services were to be fully equipped and the necessary exports maintained, the whole industry must devote more attention to the problem.

Hitherto, as far as training in workshops was concerned, Government had adopted the method of persuasion.

If training were undertaken, it meant that over a short period there must be a small sacrifice of immediate production. This temporary sacrifice had to be faced and would be made good in very quick time.

Government were satisfied the war was not going to end in the immediate future and it was of vital importance to initiate now the necessary steps to make good the temporary loss and also greatly to accelerate production a little later.

Fool's Paradise

"I am afraid some employers are to some extent living in a fool's paradise in the matter of skilled labour.

"They must realise that the scarcity of various classes of skilled labour in the absence of extensive provision for training, will be greatly accentuated by other factors."

Large numbers of skilled men had been released from the Forces to return to engineering and recently 3,000 were so released in one month.

Mr. Bevin said he was reluctant to make training obligatory on employers but conditions might

arise when this would have to be done.

Employers should not wait for orders and regulations but co-operate immediately in this problem.

Official Aim

Mr. Bevin said he had asked that the 19 training centres they now had should be placed in the highest category of priority to get them equipped.

The present centres would be on full treble shift and output should exceed 100,000 trainees a year. He was aiming at 40 training centres and if this goal was achieved, output would be doubled.

"If the employers concerned are seized with the importance of training equally with my department, I am satisfied that with the aid of our Dominions and the United States and the fullest use of our manpower and the resources at our command, we can overtake any disparity that may now favour the enemy.

"It is therefore worthwhile making a supreme effort in this field." — Reuter.

HERO OF CHANNEL AIR FIGHT

A British fighter pilot, faced with a split-second decision to bale out from his blazing machine or not, was one of the heroes of yesterday's Channel air battles.

His aircraft, hit by an enemy fighter's machine-gun fire, caught alight and was soon in flames from stem to stern.

Had the pilot baled out he inevitably must have crashed into buildings in the centre of a south-east coast town.

With gallant self-sacrifice he remained at the controls as the machine lost height until it dived into the sea 50 yards from shore. — Reuter.

FOOD SHORTAGE DANGER PASSES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

With the price of domestic flour and wheat still falling, reliable quarters in Shanghai stated this morning that the shortage crisis which faced the northern city a few weeks ago has definitely passed.

Following negotiations between the authorities, import restrictions were ameliorated and flour and wheat brought in in sufficient quantities. At present Shanghai need fear no shortage for at least three months. — Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over the Pacific to the east of Japan, and is relatively low over China generally.

BURMA ROAD ALLEGATION FALSE

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learned authoritatively in London yesterday that the Japanese naval spokesman's suggestion in Tokyo that war materials are still proceeding by the Burma Road is devoid of foundation.

It is also pointed out that medical supplies, which the spokesman mentioned, are not among categories the transport of which is forbidden by the agreement. — Reuter.

MARRIED AT 14 TO SEVENTY

THE STORY OF HOW SHE WAS MARRIED TO AN OLD MAN BY HER MOTHER'S ARRANGEMENT WHEN SHE WAS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OF HOW SHE WAS LOCKED UP AND STRUCK WITH A CANE BY HER HUSBAND, WAS TOLD BY 19-YEAR-OLD LI KING-FA, ALIAS LI-MEI-YUEK, TO MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN AT KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING WHEN LAU KUNG-HON, 74, RESIDING AT NO. 70, CHEUNG-SHAWAN ROAD, WAS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Mr. G. S. Ford pleaded not guilty on behalf of Lau and the prosecution was in the hands of Inspector W. H. Fraser, of the S.C.A.

Giving evidence, Li said she was married five years ago, her mother receiving \$700 from defendant, who had four sons and three married daughters. She was nicely treated for the first two years, but had not been allowed to go out alone since the marriage.

During the past two years, she had been badly treated and had been locked up in a room by accused, who kept the key in his possession.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock on July 31, she was, she alleged, struck with a cane on the legs and thighs by her husband when she refused to sign a paper agreeing to divorce him.

Dr. H. S. Tai, of Queen Mary Hospital, who examined her on August 2, said he found 25 bruises on her body. Some of the bruises, added the doctor, might have been caused by a cane.

Crossed-examined by Mr. Ford, Dr. Tai agreed that the bruises could have been self-inflicted. The case was adjourned.

TOKYO NEWSPAPERS GIVEN WARNING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AN ADMONITION TO Japanese newspapermen to think twice about scoops and to take greater care in their selection of news so as not to help foreign espionage was voiced by the spokesman of the War Office according to the Tokyo "Asahi Shimbun" yesterday.

The spokesman charged newspapers with being primarily responsible for the supply of substantial information to foreign spies.

One foreign Embassy, he said, subscribed to no less than 90 Japanese publications. The spokesman recalled that some time ago a Tokyo newspaper reported the suspension of service on a Tokyo electric railway line because of an accident in a certain power plant.

Such an item, the spokesman added, might appear unimportant but it told foreign spies that in case of war, bombardment of that power plant would be sufficient to render useless a whole railway line.

All Japanese newspapermen, he concluded, should co-operate with the Government in actively preventing espionage. — Havas.

NEW POLICE CHIEF OF FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Forced to stay in hospital for eight days following a car accident, M. Marcel Peyrouton, Secretary-General of the French State Police, arrived in Vichy yesterday to take up his duties. He was formerly Ambassador to Argentina and had also been Resident-General of Tunisia. — Havas.

ITALIANS HALT IN SOMALILAND OFFENSIVE

A BRITISH MILITARY communique issued in Cairo yesterday revealed that the Italians have halted in their drive across British Somaliland.

The communique says: "As anticipated, the enemy columns have halted after capturing Hargeisa and Odweina, and air reconnaissance reports little movement around these places."

The communique also states that in the Western Desert frontier all is quiet but enemy movements, particularly of motorised transport, continue to be reported. Apart from an unsuccessful air raid on Albara all was quiet in the Sudan.

In the Burao area and to the east the situation is reported to be normal and in Kenya and Palestine there is nothing to report. — Reuter.

BERLIN ARRESTS

The Berlin police have made a number of arrests, including many Jews, following the discovery of an illegal "anti-Slovakian" propaganda centre in a Slovakian town, reports the official German news agency from Bratislava. — Reuter.



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NEW OFFER TO INDIA

Lord Linlithgow On Constitutional Advance

Invitations To Join Executive Council

A STATEMENT OF FAR-REACHING CONSTITUTIONAL IMPORTANCE TO INDIA WAS MADE IN SIMLA LAST EVENING BY THE VICEROY, LORD LINLITHGOW.

LAST OCTOBER, said Lord Linlithgow, "His Majesty's Government again made clear that Dominion status was their objective for India. They added they were ready to authorise expansion of the Governor-General's Council to include a certain number of representatives of political parties and they proposed establishment of a consultative committee.

"In order to facilitate harmonious co-operation it was obvious some measure of agreement in the provinces between the major parties was a desirable prerequisite to their joint collaboration at the centre. Such an agreement unfortunately was not reached and in the circumstances no progress was then possible."

After referring to his endeavours to bring the political parties together, the Viceroy proceeded: "It is clear that the earlier differences which prevented the achievement of national unity remain unbridged.

"Deeply as His Majesty's Government regret this they do not feel they should, any longer, because of these differences, postpone the expansion of the Governor-General's Council and the establishment of a body which will still more closely associate Indian public opinion with the conduct of the war by the central government.

"They have authorised me accordingly to invite a certain number of representative Indians to join my executive council.

"They have authorised me further to establish a War Advisory Council which would meet at regular intervals and which would contain representatives of the Indian States and of other interests in the national life of India as a whole."

Peace And Welfare

Declaring that full weight would be given to the views of the minorities in any revision of the constitutional machine, the Viceroy continued: "It goes without saying that His Majesty's Government could not contemplate the transfer of their present responsibilities for the peace and welfare of India to any system of government whose authority is directly denied by large and powerful elements in India's national life.

"Nor could they be parties to the coercion of such elements into submission to such a government. There has been strong insistence, that the framing of the constitutional machine should be the primary responsibility of the Indians themselves.

"His Majesty's Government is in sympathy with that desire and wish to see it given the fullest practical expression subject to the fulfilment of obligations which Britain's long connection with India have imposed upon her.

After The War

"It is clear that at a moment when the Commonwealth is engaged upon a struggle for existence it is not one in which fundamental constitutional issues can be decisively resolved but His Majesty's Government have authorised me to declare they will most readily consent to the setting up after the conclusion of the war with the least possible delay a body representative of the principal elements in India's national life in order to devise the framework of a new constitution and they will lend every aid in their power to hasten decisions on all reluctant matters to the utmost degree.

"Meanwhile they will welcome and promote in any way possible every sincere and practical step that may be taken

by the Indians themselves to reach a basis of friendly agreement first upon the form which the post-war representative body should take and the methods by which it should arrive at conclusions; and secondly upon the principles and outlines of the Constitution itself."—Reuter.

BRITISH PROTEST

It is learned in authoritative quarters in London, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, that the British Legation in Bucharest is making a strong protest about the recent molestation by Rumanian police of a messenger employed by the British Legation.

Information reaching London confirmed that the messenger was taken to police headquarters where he was questioned and required to give certain information, and upon his refusal to give this information he was threatened with a revolver.

The British Legation is calling for an immediate enquiry and punishment of those responsible.—Reuter.

RESTRICTIONS ON JEWS IN RUMANIA

SEVERE RESTRICTIONS on Jews are incorporated in legislation which the Rumanian Government has had under consideration for some time and which have now received statute form and the approval of the Government.

The statute divides the 750,000 Jews in Rumania into three categories:—First, Jews who obtained Rumanian nationality before the end of 1918, Jews who fought in the front line in the Great War, and descendants of Jews who lost their lives in action.

Second, Jews who entered Rumania before the end of 1918.

Third, Jews not included in the first and second categories.

Jews under the second and third categories are excluded from public services or professions related thereto and cannot be members of any public or private boards of administrations. They are also, among other things, forbidden to transact rural business or hold monopolies and cannot be teachers or belong to the army.

VICEROY SLIGHTLY INJURED

The Viceroy of India has slightly injured his ankle during his tour of southern and western India. A message from Poona says that he will, however, fulfil all engagements which do not entail much standing or walking. He is in excellent health.

The Viceroy's tour has been unfortunate for the German radio. On Tuesday, Dr. Goebbels, speaking over the Nazi radio, reported Monday's railway accident on the Calcutta/Dacca line and said that it was an attempt on the life of the Viceroy.

His special train, said Dr. Goebbels, had passed over the line just before the accident.

Needless to say, Dr. Goebbels did not repeat this story in the broadcast to India, and for a very good reason.

The people of India know that the Viceroy was 1,500 miles away at the time.—Reuter.

HAVEN FOR CHILDREN

A compromise bill providing for giving a temporary haven in the United States to European children under 16 totalling, it is estimated, 200,000, was speedily and practically unanimously approved by the House of Representatives immigration committee yesterday. The plan would remain in force two years. The bill, which applies to children from all invaded countries, provides for the issuance of temporary visitors' visas to children.—Reuter.

PUBLIC GIFTS FOR AIRCRAFT

Lord Beaverbrook announced yesterday that contributions from the public for the purchase of aircraft now exceed £2,400,000.—Reuter.



On Manoeuvres.—Staff officers receive despatches during intensive operations, in training for the blitzkrieg. (Copyright, Fox).

VICEROY'S STATEMENT READ IN HOUSE

Feature of business in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon was the reading by Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary for India, of the Viceroy's statement. The statement was well received among all parties.—Reuter.

FOR BETTER RELATIONS WITH SOVIET

MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, INDICATED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES AND SOVIET RUSSIA WERE SEEKING A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR RELATIONS.

Commenting on the conversation he had on Wednesday with M. Oumansky, the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Welles said many questions concerning Russo-American relations were discussed, a friendly, constructive attitude being shown on both sides.—Reuter.

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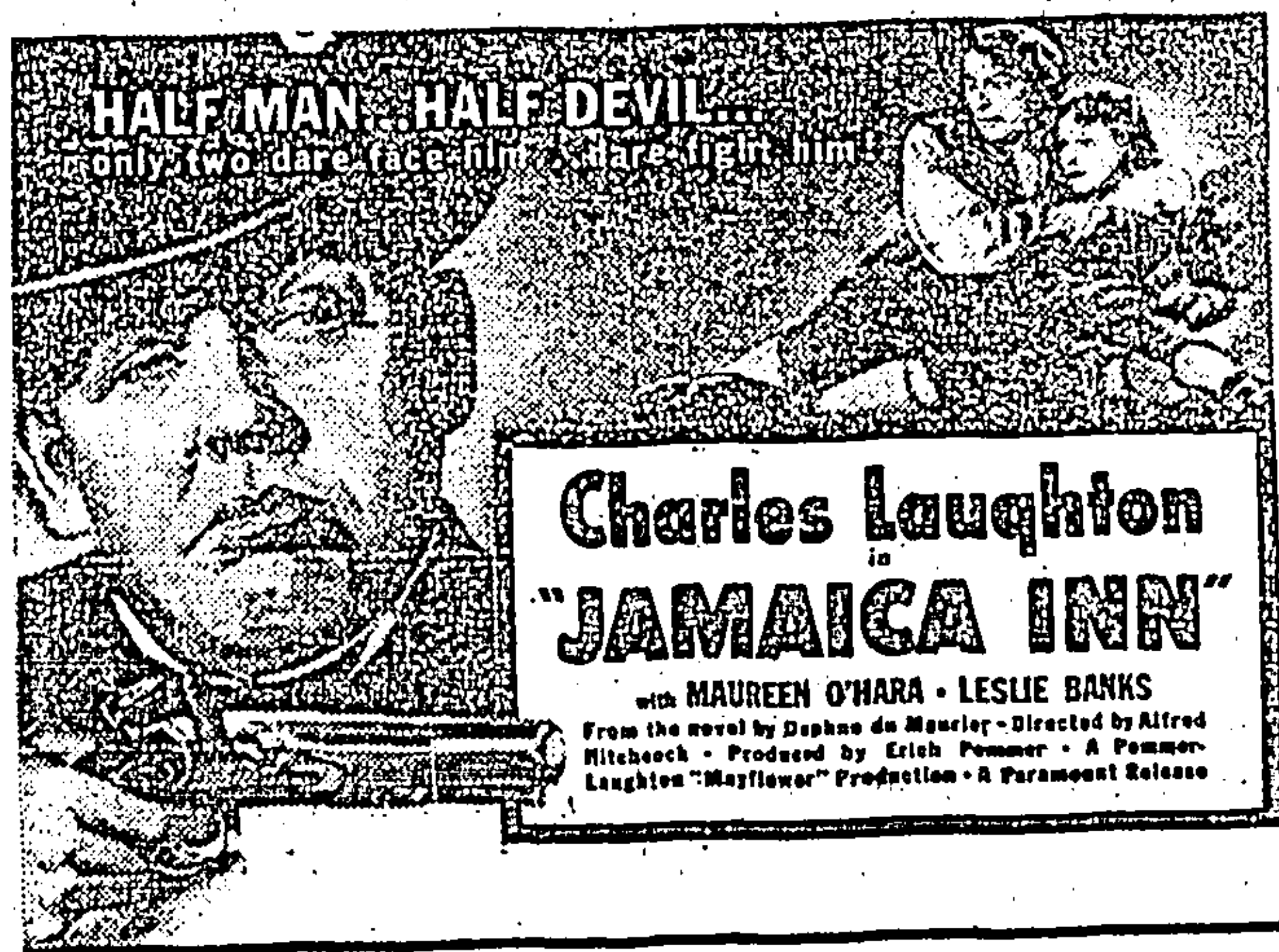
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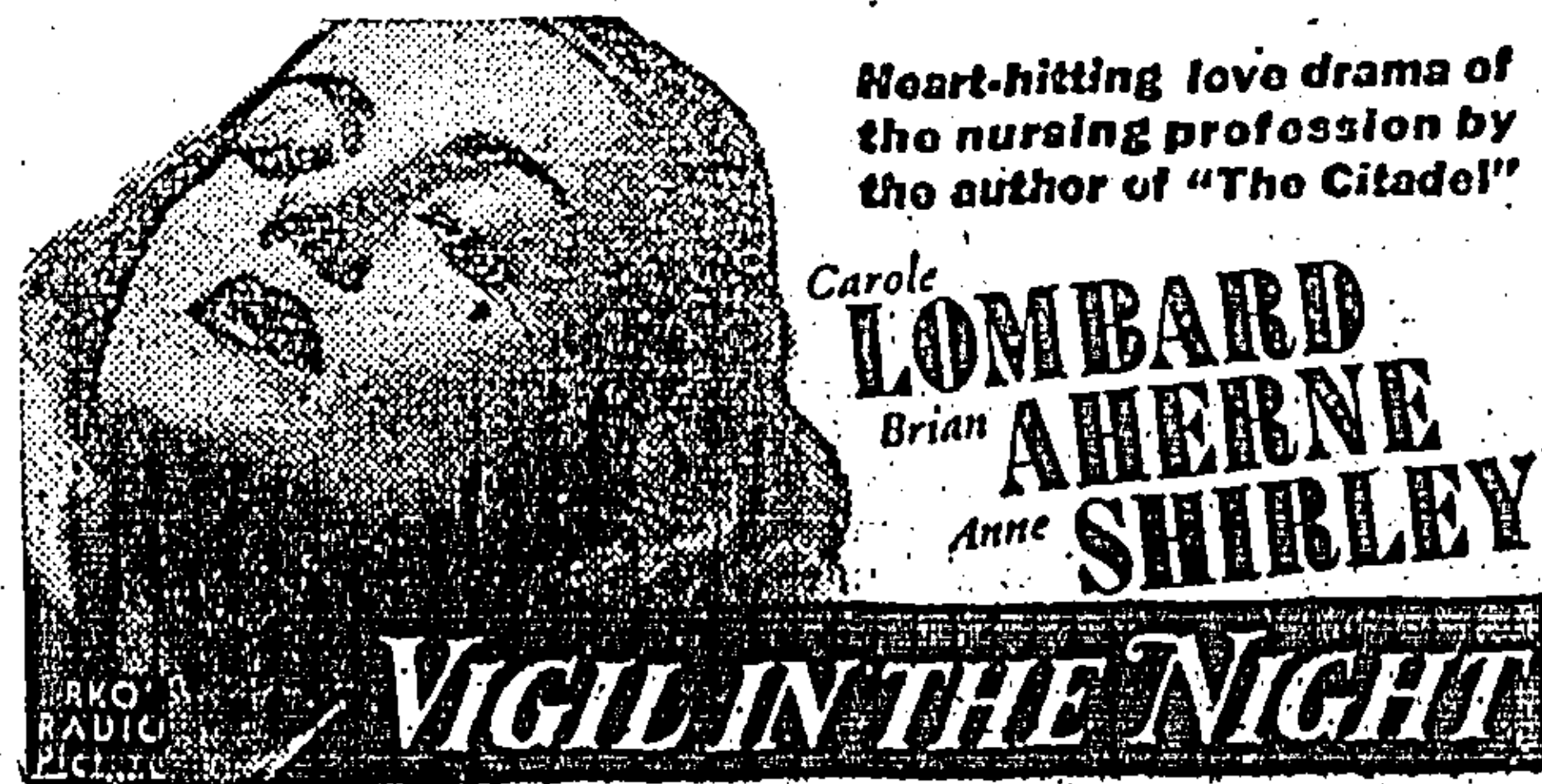


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STILL NEED FOR AN ECONOMIC HIGH COMMAND

PRESS COMMENT in London yesterday was chiefly taken up with the Italian drive into British Somaliland and with Wednesday's debate in the House of Commons on the economic aspect of the war.

With regard to the Somaliland fighting, the London press was almost unanimous in the view:—

Firstly, that even if the Italians to take Berbera—which, as "The Times" points out, is the only considerable military object—what use would it be to them since they do not command the sea? In fact, the threat to shipping could not be much increased even if the Italians overran the whole of British Somaliland, which, as "The Times" also points out, they are as yet far from doing; and

Secondly, that it was largely made possible by the collapse of France.

Commenting on the economic aspects of the war, "The Times" says that everyone agrees that the production of non-essentials should be restricted. But there is then the stupendous task of finding a place in the national effort for all the productive resources thus set free.

The "Daily Telegraph," while welcoming Mr. Greenwood's speech, agrees that Britain's resources are still far from being fully employed.

The Labour "Daily Herald" says that there is still a need for an Economic High Command to by-pass every obstruction to the full use of Britain's resources.—Reuter.

HITLER IRRESOLUTE AND ANXIOUS

The Ankara newspaper "Yenisabah" commented yesterday: "In the next two months certain matters will be cleared up.

"If the German attack materialises and results, as all hope, in a German defeat, Germany's dark hour will have struck. Again, if the Germans do not dare to attack, they must lose all hope of victory."

"It is six weeks since France laid down arms and yet Germany has not started the attack on Britain. The delay seems to indicate the Germans doubt the success of such an enterprise.

"Failure of the attack would spell disaster for Germany. If she were 100 per cent certain of success she would have proceeded to the attack. The present calm is an expression of irresolution and anxiety."—Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN AT DERBY

The King and Queen yesterday visited a factory at Derby. Their Majesties were making a tour of the Midlands and they spent an hour at the factory during which they saw work in every stage of production.

Large crowds cheered Their Majesties as they drove through the town to the factory.

The King had a long talk with the chairman of the Shop Stewards Association who, when the King asked if they had any trouble at all, said that they had only had small difficulties to overcome.

Previously the King and Queen had inspected a camp of Indian soldiers in south Derbyshire.

Here the traditional presentation of gold and silver to the King Emperor was made by two Indian soldiers.

The gifts were carried on pieces of white cloth and the King, as token of acceptance, touched them with his fingers and afterwards remitted them.

The troops were of the Royal Indian A.S.C. and they had served in France and were evacuated from Dunkirk.—British Wireless.

BITTEN BY DOG

Lieut.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, of "Hillside," Shek-O, has reported that his son, Alexander, was bitten on the hand by his dog on July 31. The dog was sent to Kennedy Town for observation, while the child was treated privately.

STAFF OF MINISTRY GROWS

Lord Caldecote told the House of Lords yesterday that the total staff employed by the Ministry of Information on July 31 was 1,385 excluding staffs overseas.

He added there had been an overall increase in personnel since October last. Total annual expenditure on salaries and wages of that staff was at the rate of approximately £403,000.—Reuter.

"IT'S SILLY BUT WE ARE AT PEACE"

MR. MORGENTHAU
MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, U.S. SECRETARY OF TREASURY, AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY DISCLOSED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF TAKING WORLD WAR DEBT PAYMENTS OUT OF THE "FROZEN" FRENCH FUNDS IN THE UNITED STATES.

He added before French funds were released he wanted to see "what happens to American investments and debts over there."

Asked whether "freezing" regulations such as were imposed on German-occupied countries, also applied to Germany, Mr. Morgenthau said "No."

"Any amount of money can be sent to Germany and there is nothing we can do about it. It is silly but we are at peace with Germany."—Reuter.

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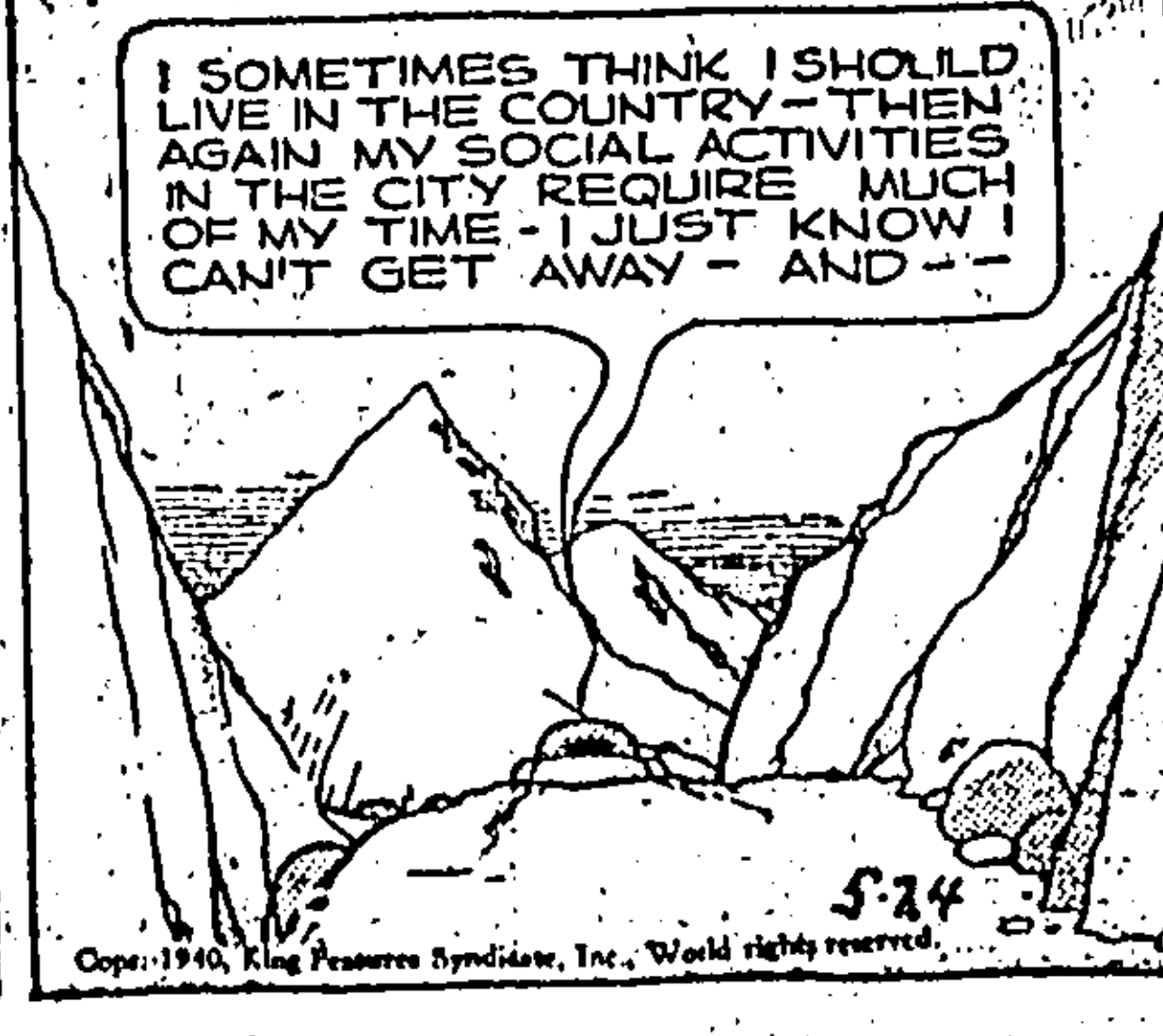
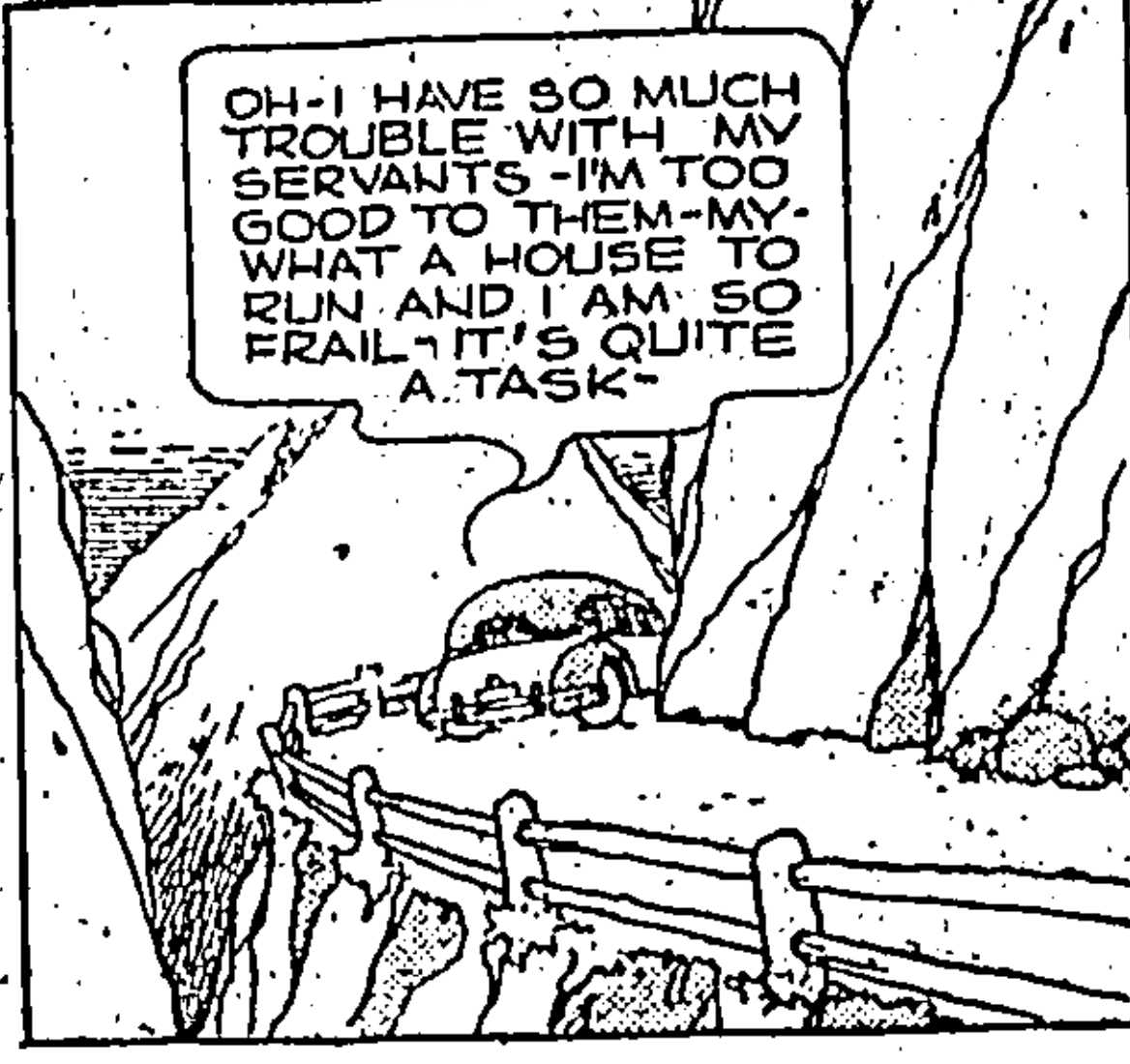
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TIME NOT RIPE FOR IMPERIAL WAR CONFERENCE

THE DESIRABILITY of arranging personal discussions with Dominion Ministers whenever possible as a further method of facilitating the closest possible co-operation between the war efforts of members of the British Commonwealth is constantly borne in mind by Government, declared Lord Caldecote in the House of Lords yesterday.

Lord Caldecote was replying to a question by Lord Davies whether Government, following the precedent of the last war, proposed to invite Ministers of the Dominions to participate more directly in the conduct of the war and to create a Supreme War Council which would include representatives of the British Commonwealth and India.

Lord Caldecote said that Ministers from the Dominions visited London last autumn and useful discussions were held then on many subjects connected with the war. Other visits by individual Dominion Ministers had since taken place.

The United Kingdom Government felt the present moment

was not opportune for inviting Dominion Ministers to London for an Imperial War Conference or other discussions but they would certainly welcome such discussions if occasion offered. — Reuter.

ADJOURNMENT OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, announced in the Commons yesterday he hoped the House would be able to rise for a short adjournment on August 22. Government would make a further statement shortly as to the length of the adjournment. — Reuter.

FARLEY RESIGNS

President Roosevelt announced from his Hyde Park (N.Y.) home yesterday his acceptance of the resignation of Mr. James Farley as Postmaster-General. — Reuter.

REPLY TO AIR MAIL COMPLAINT

"To the best of my knowledge, the air mails to Europe via the Pacific and Atlantic are going through very quickly," Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Postmaster-General, told the "China Mail" in an interview.

Reports have reached the "China Mail" that air mails sent via Pan-American Airways across the Pacific and Atlantic are getting through to Europe on schedule but are being held up at Lisbon Portugal.

The Postmaster-General said that he has received no such information himself. In actual fact, he went on, he has received data from local commercial firms of recent date showing that the mails to and from Europe via this route were going through rapidly. This, he said, was according to information covering the period up to about a week ago. "Something might have occurred since," but he had received neither complaints nor information to this effect and, to the best of his knowledge, the mails were still going through "very quickly."

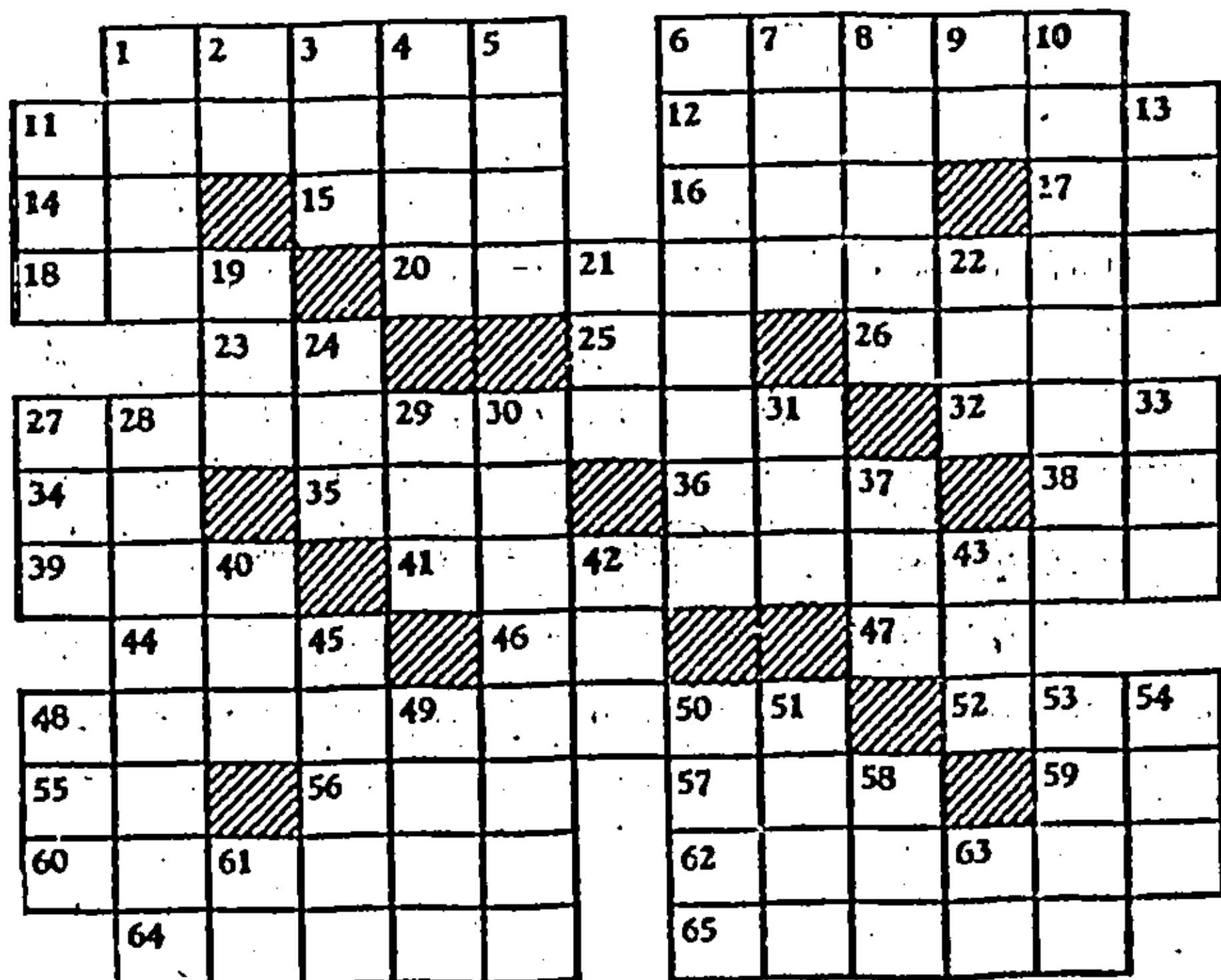
BURMA RD. QUESTION

MR. GEOFFREY MANDER (LIBERAL) ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY IF GOVERNMENT WOULD PUBLISH THE FULL TERMS, INCLUDING THE SCHEDULE, OF THE AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN IN REGARD TO THE CLOSING OF THE BURMA ROAD.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that all Lord Halifax could add to Mr. Churchill's statement of July 18 was a list of categories of goods subject to temporary prohibition on the road, namely, iron and steel, railway track, rolling stock, motor vans, lorries and parts thereof, arms, ammunition and military explosives. — Reuter.

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- 18 Sleeveless garment
- 20 Pierced
- 23 European fish
- 25 Indian mulberry
- 26 Law: things
- 27 Alphabetical list
- 32 Greek letter
- 34 Correlative of either
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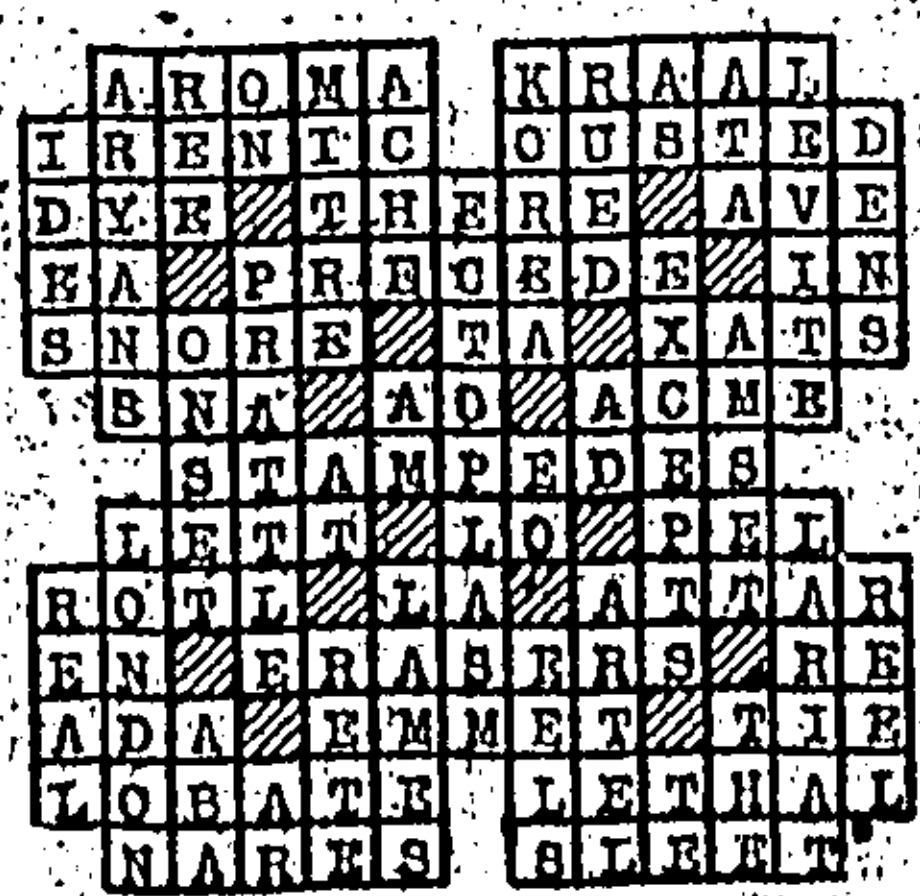
- 52 Part of "to be"
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- 56 Meadow
- 57 Section of land
- 59 Preposition
- 60 Creek
- 62 Nasty persons
- 64 King of birds
- 65 Greek assembly

VERTICAL

- 1 Baby's bed
- 2 Japanese measure
- 3 Butterflies
- 4 To strike
- 5 South American country
- 6 To finish
- 7 Mine entrance

- 8 Monkey
- 9 Behold!
- 10 Forefather
- 11 Eggs
- 13 Down-hearted
- 19 Isle
- 21 Colloquial: horse
- 22 Female ruff
- 24 Split pulse
- 27 Fish
- 28 Having a beard
- 29 Guided
- 30 Obtained control of
- 31 Poetic: nightfall
- 33 Paid notices
- 37 Dutch commune
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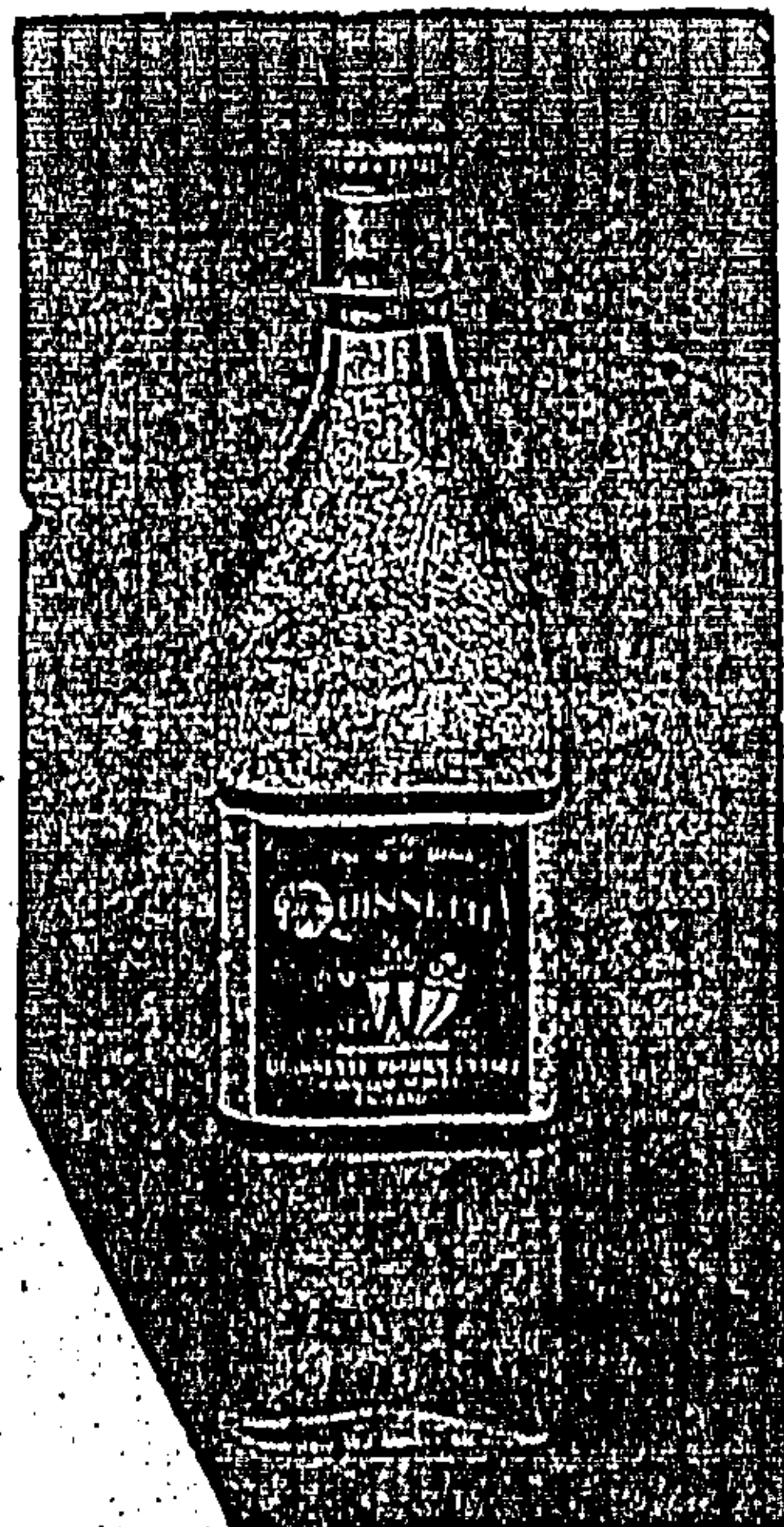
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GERMAN M.T.B.S IN CHANNEL RAID

Three Coastal Boats Sunk In Convoy

AN ADMIRALTY and Air Ministry communique states enemy attacks on one of our convoys in the Channel were made in the dark hours early yesterday morning by E-boats.

During these attacks one E-boat was sunk and another damaged. Three coasting vessels in the convoy were struck by torpedoes and all were sunk.

Air attacks on this convoy began in the morning and were renewed at intervals throughout the day.

Results of the enemy bombing attacks are not fully known but several ships received considerable damage, extent of which it has not yet been possible to ascertain.

A number of survivors and injured have already been landed.

The attacking enemy forces consisted of large numbers of dive-bombers accompanied by single and twin-engined fighters.

Heavily Engaged

As each attack developed, the enemy formations were heavily engaged by squadrons of R.A.F. fighters.

Severe losses were inflicted on the enemy, of which full details are not yet available, but it is already confirmed that 53 enemy aircraft have been destroyed.

Sixteen of our fighter pilots are at present reported missing. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIA AND U.S.

THE IMPORTANCE OF AUSTRALIA'S REPRESENTATIVE AT WASHINGTON WAS EMPHASIZED YESTERDAY BY MR. MCEUEN, MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, IN A REPORT TO THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT.

Australia's representative, he said, keeps Australia constantly informed of the American viewpoint on current affairs, on the views of the American administration and general American opinion.

"The work of our Legation in Washington," he said, "must lead to the development of the most close and friendly relations between the United States and Australia." — Reuter.

DESTRUCTION OF LABOUR IN FRANCE BEGINS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The French Confederation of Labour, meeting in Clermont Ferrand, yesterday decided to base its activity "on new principles" and "discard the class struggle." The veteran Labour leader, Leon Jouhaux, has decided to resign and has been replaced by more moderate leaders. A communique announces French Labour's aims as being "defence of the sacred rights of the family, work and the nation's interests." — Havas.

AIR RAID TOLL

SIR JOHN ANDERSON, HOME SECRETARY, ANNOUNCED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 258 CIVILIANS WERE REPORTED TO THE MINISTRY OF HOME SECURITY AS KILLED AND 321 SERIOUSLY INJURED IN GERMAN AIR RAIDS ON THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Fifty-seven women and 23 children under the age of 16 were among the killed and 77 women and 17 children among the injured. — Reuter.

NEW AIRCRAFT FACILITIES IN U.S.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has agreed to finance the building of half a dozen new aircraft factories at a cost of between \$150,000,000 and \$200,000,000. Mr. Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, told the House of Representatives banking committee in Washington yesterday.

He added the money included a loan to the Packard Motor Company for the manufacture of Rolls-Royce engines. — Reuter.

SHIP RELEASED

The British Government has released the Rumanian freighter Bucogi which was one of three Rumanian vessels seized at Port Said at the end of July, says a Reuter telegram from Bucharest.

DENMARK'S COAL FAMINE

Denmark's coal problem is now so serious that the German controlled Copenhagen radio found it necessary recently to broadcast the various places where Copenhagen housewives could buy prepared meals and so prevent gas being used for cooking.

PEAK COOK GAOLED

The Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, Financial Secretary, to-day prosecuted a 28-year-old cook boy, Li Wai-cheung who was charged with stealing a mincing machine from No. 154, The Peak. Sub-Inspector C. Baysting said defendant who was employed by Mr. H. R. Butters stole the mincer and gave it to his wife Pun, who pawned it. First defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour, while his wife was bound over.

THEIR SUNDAY JOB: STEEL FOR 21,000 SHELLS

To make good a deficiency caused by a breakdown, 200 men at a Workington, Cumberland, steelworks voluntarily stayed behind and, working overtime, produced the biggest output ever achieved.

The steel they turned out was the equivalent of 21,000 shells for the men in France.

JEWS FLEE THROUGH RUSSIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Trans-Siberian railway traffic has shown a large increase since the Spring when the blitzkrieg was launched in Europe. Most of the arrivals are Jewish refugees fleeing their homelands and bound for Shanghai, the United States and Canada. — Havas.

PORT TO BE CLOSED FOR "BLACKOUT"

THE PORT OF HONG KONG will be completely closed to inward and outward shipping between sunset on August 27 and sunrise on August 28, for the Air Raid Precautions' Department's "black-out" exercise, states an announcement by the Harbour Office this morning.

Immediately after sunset on August 27, all external and internal lights on all ships in the Harbour must be extinguished except the regulation navigational lights with which ships will be allowed to move inside the harbour.

Navigation lights, however, must be put out at 7.15 p.m. and movements of all shipping cease but ships underway in the harbour will be allowed to continue with navigation lights to wharfs and anchorage after which all lights must be extinguished.

Only navigation lights may be relit after the "Raiders Passed" signal is sounded when ships will be permitted to move again in the harbour limits.

Harbour Lights Out

Mariners are advised that all lights at the following places will be extinguished between sunset on August 27 and sunrise on August 28:—
Waglan Island,
Tathong Point,
Cape Collinson,
South and North Lyemun,
Channel Rock,
Cust Rock,
North, South and Central Fairway Bouys,
Green Island, and
Cheung Chau Island Passage.

CHINA MAIL WINDSOR HOUSE GERMANY'S LIVING-SPACE

Hitler used to lay emphasis in speeches on his great moderation. He assured the people of France repeatedly that he had no designs on their territory. He was even willing to renounce all claim to Alsace-Lorraine for all time. There was a time when statesmen could be found both in Britain and British Colonies and in France simple enough to believe him, though one of his speeches in which he claims as Germany's living-space the whole area of the Holy Roman Empire seemed to point to larger ambitions.

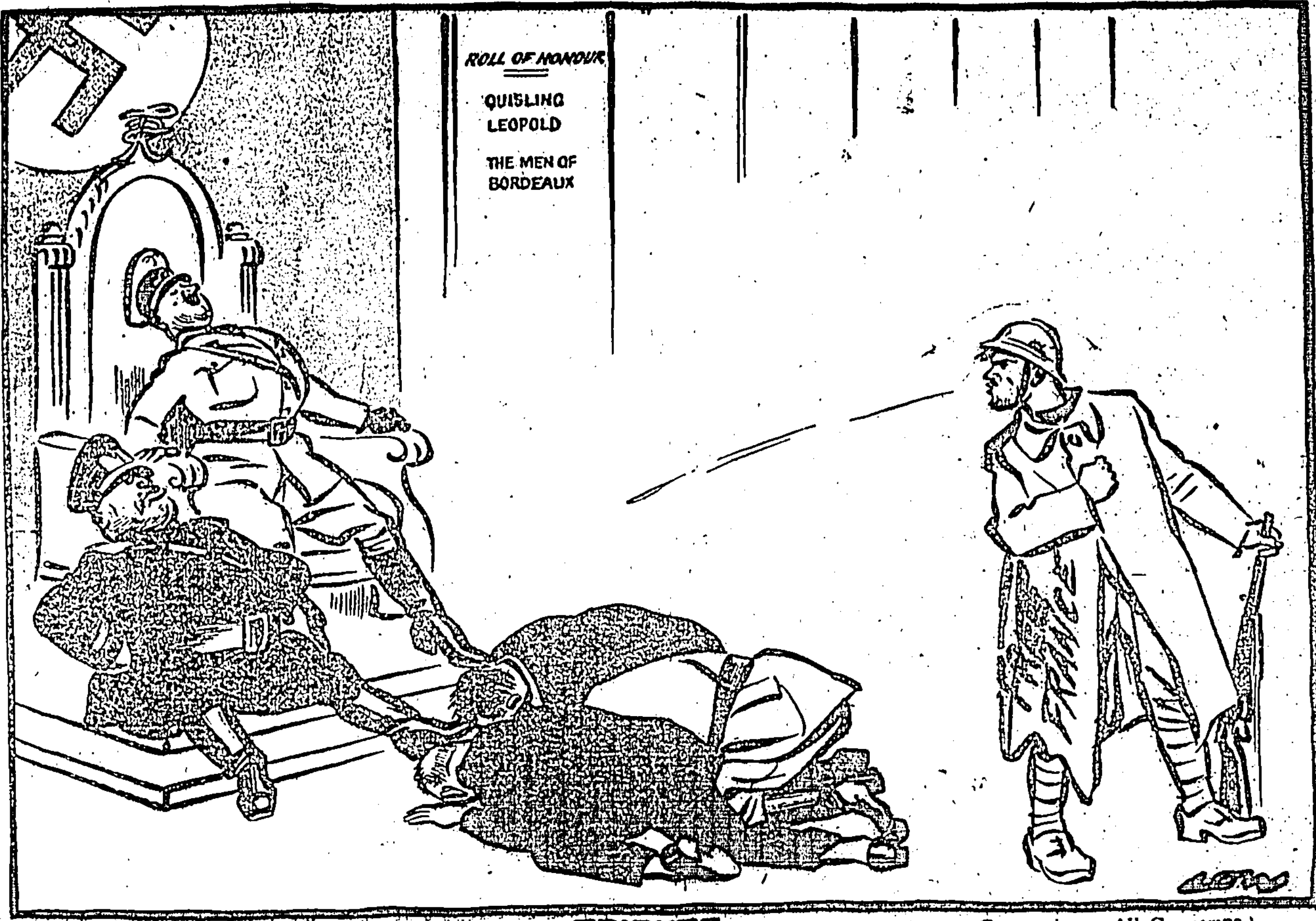
Even lately German propagandists have been spreading the gospel in neutral countries of his moderation and generosity. His success has apparently convinced him there is no need now for such pretence. "Total annihilation" is his cry. Alsace and Lorraine are obviously part of his proposed bag, the Duchy of Luxemburg is no more to have separate existence and one of his papers declares that the whole of Northern France is now Germany's living-space. "German soldiers," it continues, "should be proud to be fighting on the old historic soil of the Reich."

ANTI-CHATTER-BUG

One item the censor omitted to strike out of the daily budget of news is that clubs are forming in England, in high and low society, for the purpose of discouraging idle chatter. Southampton organizes "Anti-Chatter-Bug Week," with anti-gossip sermons preached in the churches, and banners displayed in public places to warn people against scattering scraps of news which might be of aid to the enemy.

What a trying age this would have been for "Sairey Gamp" or "Mrs. Bardell"! The little card, slipped quietly into offenders' hands, inscribed, "Don't you think gossip may be dangerous?" would have made Mrs. Gamp cry immediately: "And I feel for them as has their feelings tried, but I am not a Rooshan or a Prooshan, and consequently cannot suffer spies to be set over me."

The card has its merits, nevertheless, in peace and war, but that form of self-control which silences all gossip, defined in the dictionary as "groundless rumour," makes a valuable contribution to society, in any country, at any time.



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The Removing of An Injustice

The Germans over the radio used to announce that they were fighting to remove an injustice while the Allies were striving to preserve it.

This of course referred to the Treaty of Versailles. Now that they have inflicted so much injustice on the states that were neutral, on Denmark, Norway, Holland and Belgium, they doubtless feel that this slogan would come more justly from the B.B.C. than from them. At any rate we never hear this now. What we do hear is frequent mention of the plutocrats in England, and of the war-mongers. The plutocrats have control of Britain according to this view, but how this can be asserted in face of the fact that men like Major Atlee, Arthur Greenwood, Ernest Bevan, A. V. Alexander, and Herbert Morrison occupy key posts in the government as representative of Labour, is extremely hard to understand.

Income Tax

Such epithets and accusations can only be hurled against Britain by those who are quite ignorant of its laws. The British government in effect says to its citizens: you have the maximum amount of liberty, in your daily life. You can multiply your fortune by your own effort, by your skill and superior intelligence. You likewise have freedom to express your views, and criticise the government. You may live how and where you like. But this freedom in the economic field is governed by certain conditions. From your salary after an allowance of £135 has been made you will pay back to the Government 8/6 out of every pound of your income. The income tax is on a graduated scale after £2,000 per annum, from 8/6 in the pound it reaches the height of 18/6 in the pound so that a person with £20,000 per annum has less than £3,000 a year left when he has discharged his financial obligations to the state. Even then the community is not finished with him, since in addition to the taxes paid to the state he has to pay rates to the local authority on his property and of course he has to pay the usual taxes on tea, wines, and tobacco. When he dies, if he succeeds in leaving a fortune behind him, not an easy thing to do in these days, the government again steps in, and takes away a considerable portion of his estate. On a million pounds, for example the amount payable in death duties is half a million.

No Profiteering

Then again the business man is strictly controlled, since pro-

fits in excess of the average of the three years previous to the war are taxed one hundred per cent. Munition firms therefore are not able to profiteer nor are other companies. It is more reasonable to say that the Nazi leaders are plutocrats than the British. The enormous cost for example of building Barchesgarten for Herr Hitler and Goering's palatial estates in which he lives in luxury is in striking contrast with the simple, frugal life lived by those who are responsible for British policy.

It is because there is a sense of justice in the taxation system

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of Great Britain, and a strong faith in the integrity and ability of the income tax commissioners to get at the real truth about a person's income, that there is no dissatisfaction. At the moment there is the amazing position that even those who pay income tax are asserting that it is not high enough. "Punch" recently had a picture of a taxpayer receiving his demand note, and showing extreme anger as he said, "It should have 10/6 in the pound."

Not Applicable

No, the term plutocrat is not applicable to-day for the simple reason that those who do possess wealth are naturally the most patriotic, and most ready to make the greatest financial sacrifices. They know perfectly well that the victory of Germany would mean ruin for all concerned. They are, both from a point of view of self-preservation and also from a higher motive namely the desire for the survival of the Empire, only too willing to put their fortunes at the disposal of the state to secure the one aim—the destruction of Nazism. Germany could never persuade the British public to-day that wealthy men determine British policy. Wealth to-day has no meaning for the individual, but for the achievement of our purpose. That is why wealth has been conscripted.

Another charge that has been made is that those who have wealth have transferred it to America. Seeing that such trans-

actions have to be sanctioned by the government, and that all holdings in foreign stock have to be registered under heavy penalties, it necessarily follows that the plutocrat cannot escape the eagle eye of the tax collectors.

Germany is no doubt thinking of the fortunes that her plutocrats have placed abroad in this way. Knickerbocker the American journalist gave chapter and verse for the fortunes so placed by Goebbels, Goering, Himmler and Hess, but then unlike our people they are above the law, or are a law unto themselves.

Appeasement

In the same way it is impossible to see how any of our statesmen can be accused of wanton-

ly provoking war or as the Germans prefer to call it war-mongering. No country has made greater sacrifices for peace than Great Britain. Chamberlain's policy of appeasement which reached its limiting point at Munich was supported by those who still clung to the belief that a pact solemnly signed would bind the signatories at least for some years. But the ink was hardly dry upon the paper before Hitler destroyed any faith that was left that he would or could keep his word. His foul record is too widely known to need repetition. It was this violation and betrayal after Munich that made war inevitable and summoned forth the men best qualified to carry it on. These are the so-called war-mongers, those who prophesied that Hitler's word could never be trusted and who proved to be right in their prediction.

They understood the Nazi mind, and knew that the only way to deal with it was by war. In this sense the whole nation wanted war in order to destroy this German doctrine of force that menaced the law-abiding nations.

Nazi Passion For Domination

The German armies have spread across Europe like a plague of locusts, destroying not only the fair fields of ripened corn, but devouring everything of value these nations possess. They have taken away food and replaced it with food tickets of worthless marks. They have taken away butter and replaced it with guns. They have roused the hatred of these peoples whose free institutions, liberty of thought and higher cultural standards they neither share nor understand.

In the first flush of enthusiasm, and in accordance with and in obedience to their teaching they have crushed and destroyed the most civilised portions of Europe. They now are shocked to find that such nations attach no value to these Nazi methods or their principles.

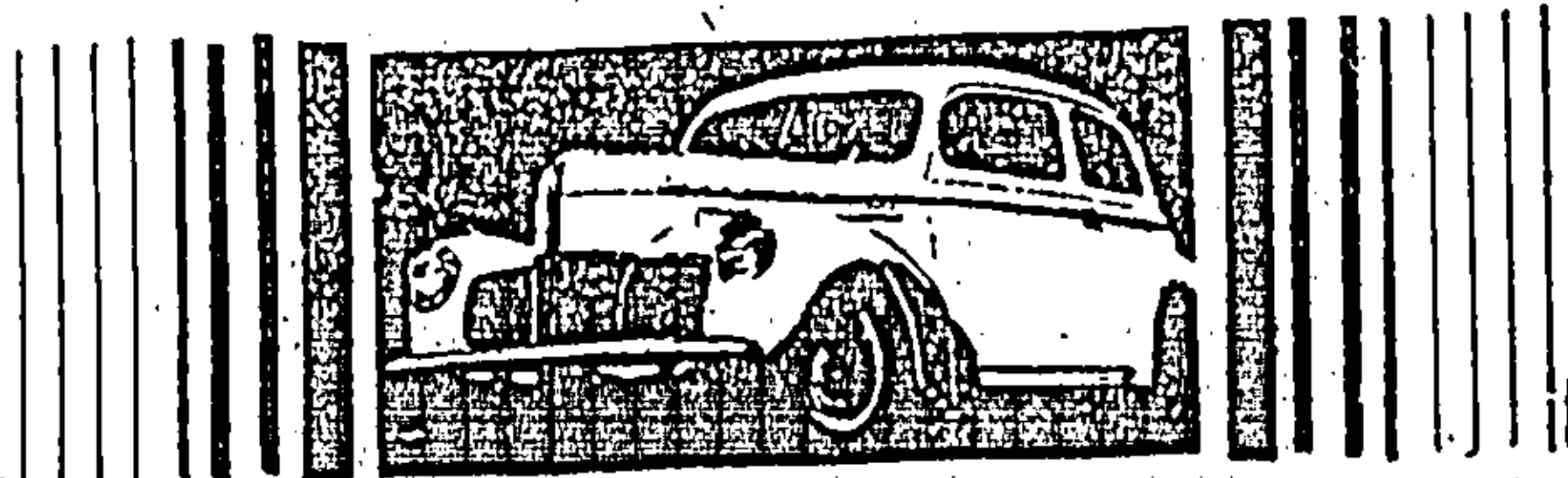
The passion for domination has been sated, the first enthusiasm has been spent. They are now confronted with Britain and here they find people strongly confident in their own strength, united not by fear, or dragged on by force, but in a solid coherent body each a volunteer with a passionate love of the country to which he dedicates himself in order to serve and defend it, not animated by hate, but governed by a powerful sentiment of devotion to a conqueror.

holy cause. This makes the difference. The German knows nothing of this strength, but he will soon know this unconquerable spirit when he meets it in the air and on the sea. Already he has experienced in a measure what it means and so he hesitates in his attempted blitzkrieg for the magnitude of the task is now coming to be realised.

Hitler himself has said that weapons are dead things when the spirit is lacking to make full use of them. It was so in Belgium, France and Norway where the fifth column undermined the resolution of the nation, but clearly this will not be the case in Britain. Germany has exhausted her first enthusiasm based on a passionate desire for revenge and is surrounded now by conquered nations which daily convict her soldiers of their inferiority of ideals and principles. For these reasons then the assault on England will lack that drive and determination which brought victory in France, Belgium and Poland, and it will be met by an opposition that will first stagger the German leaders, and will certainly destroy those who do manage to make a landing. This England never did and never shall be at the proud feet of a conqueror.

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PURCHASE TAX PROPOSALS STILL UNPOPULAR

THE MISGIVINGS of the Labour Party regarding the Purchase Tax were by no means removed, said Mr. W. Pethick Lawrence on the committee stage of the Finance Bill in the Commons yesterday, but they did not wish to thwart the national effort and did not intend to oppose the passage of the tax.

Amendments the Labour Party would propose were not designed to destroy any large part of the revenue.

Sir Percy Harris (Liberal) said the tax was not very much more attractive than originally.

The Chancellor had made valuable concessions to family life, particularly in exempting children's clothes.

If the tax was to produce revenue the Commons would have to join the Chancellor in resisting some of the amendments but there was a real feeling that the tax on books was against the best traditions of the country.

Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying, said he had done his utmost to meet the views of members while retaining the Purchase Tax in modified form.

Inroads Too Big

If he accepted all the amendments relating to clothing he would lose a taxable field of £315 millions.

Again, the omission of all

GESTAPO TERRORISTS TAKE OVER PARIS

On the day the Germans occupied Paris, Gestapo squads followed and a new law, known as the "Lex Paris," signed by Goering, was proclaimed, says the Berlin correspondent of a Swedish newspaper.

Plotting against the German State, the Nazi Party or any members of the Party will be punished in the same way as treachery in Germany.

articles chargeable at a reduced rate would involve the loss of a taxable field of more than £350 millions.

Obviously he could not accept amendments of that character.

As far as newspapers and books were concerned, he would give careful attention to the debate, but he hoped members would realise they were part of the taxable field.—Reuter.

LORD WOOLTON ON THE AIR TO-NIGHT

The B.B.C. announced last night that Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, will reply in the 4 p.m. Empire news (midnight Hong Kong time) to a letter he has received from the community at Jansenville.—Reuter.

Jansenville, a town of Cape Province, stands on the Sunday River, 21 miles by road from Klipplaat, in the centre of a pastoral district. It has a population of about 1,350.

ARMY MEN RETURNED TO INDUSTRY

The Ministry of Labour and National Security announces that between June 10 and July 11 orders were issued for the release from the Army of 3,200 skilled tradesmen required to expedite aircraft and armament production. He explained these men were in addition to the 32,000 men released for all types of industries made prior to the present speed-up in production.—Reuter.

EMPIRE OFFERS OF NURSES

THE SUGGESTION THAT NURSES BROUGHT FROM OVERSEAS ON AN ORGANISED PLAN SHOULD SUPPLEMENT TRAINED NURSES AVAILABLE IN BRITAIN, IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF HEAVY CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, WAS MENTIONED BY MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD IN A WRITTEN REPLY TO A COMMONS QUESTION YESTERDAY.

Mr. Macdonald said he had recently given special consideration to the question. He was advised that our own resources should be sufficient if used to their full extent to render this course unnecessary but he would keep the matter under review and he expressed Government's deep appreciation for the spirit that prompted a number of fellow-citizens in other parts of the Empire to offer their services to the Mother Country in this way.—Reuter.

SIX BRITONS STILL HELD IN JAPAN

SIX BRITONS ARE STILL UNDER DETENTION BY THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES, MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ANNOUNCED AT QUESTION TIME IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Nine have been released and one died under circumstances which are being investigated.

The British Ambassador in Tokyo had had a number of discussions with Mr. Matsuo, the Japanese Foreign Minister, and it was hoped proceedings in connection with these cases would be expedited.—Reuter.

CONVOY PASSES HONG KONG

ABOUT 20 JAPANESE TRANSPORTS, ESCORTED BY WARSHIPS WERE SIGHTED NEAR HONG KONG YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO VERNACULAR REPORTS.

The Japanese ships were sailing in a south-east direction and were observed by a fleet of Chinese junks which left Hong Kong early in the morning for Chinese territory.

On seeing the Japanese vessels, the junks turned back and hurriedly made for British waters.

The London Stock Exchange drifted during most of the session yesterday owing to lack of support but there was evidence of a firmer tone in some groups before the close. Foreign bonds were quiet and mostly unchanged. Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

How China War Will End: Prophecy By A General

THE SINO-JAPANESE war is an unusual war in many respects and will end in an unusual manner, General Kwan Ling-cheng, commander of the Chinese forces on the north Hunan front, who is now visiting Chungking, declared in an interview with foreign pressmen in the capital yesterday.

General Kwan, who participated and was wounded in the fighting at Kupeikou, on the Great Wall north of Peiping, in 1933, and took part in the Shanghai, Taierchwang, Hankow and Changsha battles, declared: "China will win without a decisive battle while Japan will be defeated without fighting."

After stating that China had been fighting three years without her army being crushed or her resources being exhausted, General Kwan asserted that China is prepared to continue fighting for three more years and if necessary for 30 more years.

Japan, he said, was being steadily exhausted in manpower and resources, while her enemies were growing steadily stronger and one day these enemies would defeat Japan without fighting.

Part Of Greater Conflict

Expressing the opinion that the Sino-Japanese war was only part of the world conflict, General Kwan stated Japan would inevitably be defeated in the end as a result of international developments.

He concluded by saying that the spirit and determination of the Chinese army at the front was high and he was confident of China's victory.—Reuter.

ANGLO-U.S. TANKS OF COMMON TYPE

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, U.S. Secretary of Treasury, disclosed in Washington yesterday that British veterans of "the Flanders pocket" are helping to adapt United States military tanks to modern war developments.

He said the British Brigadier-General Pratt, as the official go-between on the Anglo-American contract negotiations, had already made important contributions to United States tank design.

Mr. Morgenthau explained that the British were trying to buy tanks in the United States but as it was not feasible to build one type for the United States and another for Britain, the British authorities had decided to pool their experience in order to produce standardised types usable in both countries.—Reuter.

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A survey of all public and privately owned iron is to be carried out by the Iron and Steel Control Industry and all iron considered unnecessary will be requisitioned.—Reuter.

DUKE OF WINDSOR AT BERMUDA

The liner Excalibur, with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor on board, arrived off the island of Bermuda yesterday, says a message from Hamilton.

Crowds of excited people and the biggest army of newspapermen in Bermuda's history watched the arrival. The island was bedecked with flags.

The Duke is taking up the Governorship of the Bahamas.—Reuter.

FOREIGNERS IN EGYPT TO REGISTER

All foreigners in Egypt except the Diplomatic Corps are required to register with the police authorities by a decree published in the official journal in Cairo yesterday. They are being registered with a view to the issue of identity cards.—Reuter.

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IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Interim Dividend of £2.10/- per share, subject to deduction of Income Tax, has been declared for the HALF YEAR ending 30th JUNE, 1940, at rate of 1/2.7/8 per Dollar.

THE DIVIDEND WILL BE PAYABLE on and after 12th AUGUST at the offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from 29th JULY to 10th AUGUST (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of
The Board of Directors.
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th July, 1940.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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Hong Kong, 7th August, 1940.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 12th day of August, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Magazine Gap Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 6054.	Magazine Gap Road, opposite Inland Lot No. 2310.	N. S. E. W. As per sale plan	About 16,200	\$298	\$4,050

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 12th day of August, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4275.	Between Fa Yuen Street and Sai Yee Street.	N. S. E. W. As per sale plan	About 22,500	\$414	\$55,250

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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WINNING CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)
THE FORCED LEAD

It seems only fair to show a victory for the law after yesterday's murder mystery. The law, in this case, is represented by Sidney Kramer, New York attorney, who played the South hand:

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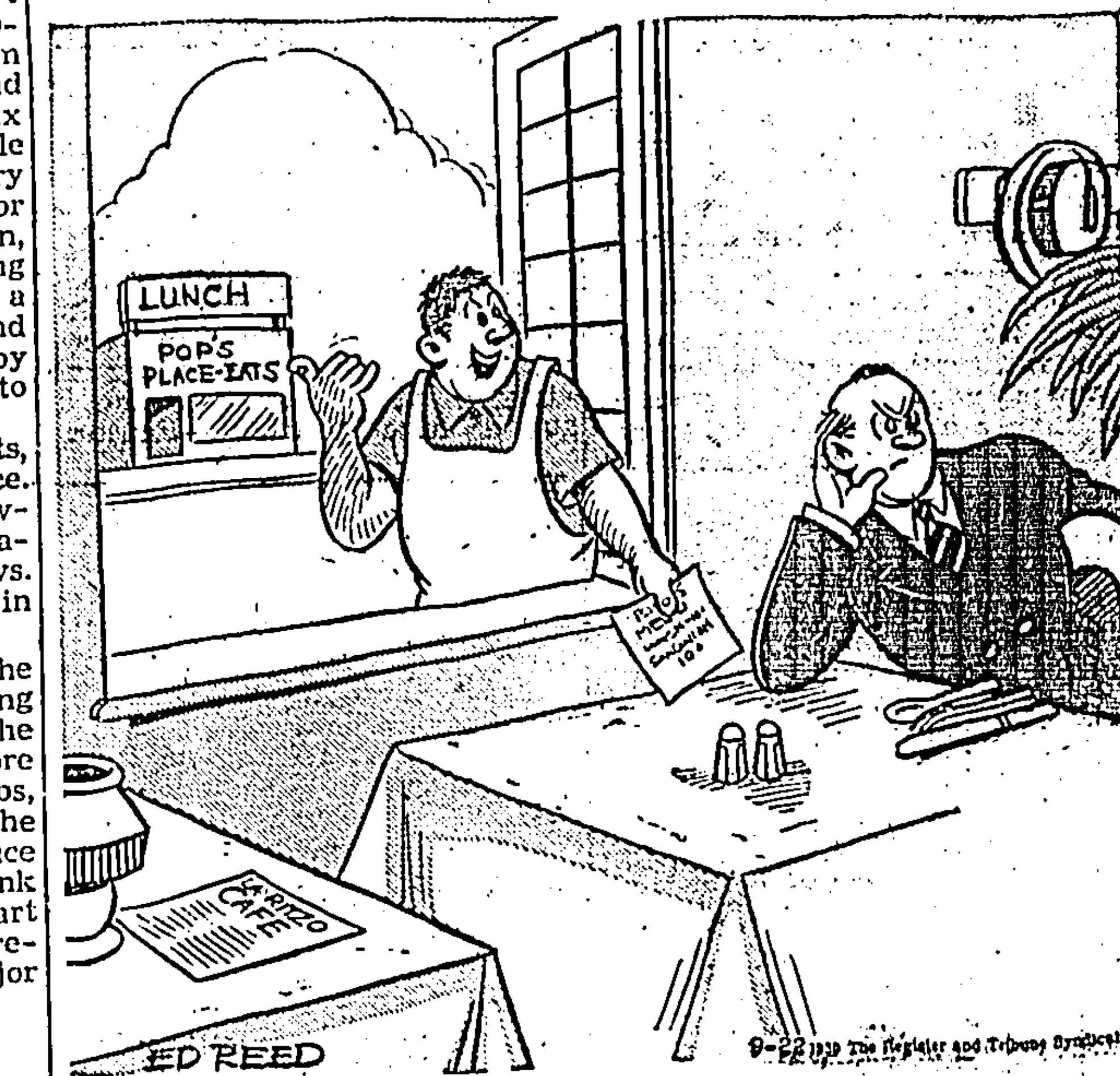


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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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The exhibition was on view for the benefit of the guests at the Old Rectory.

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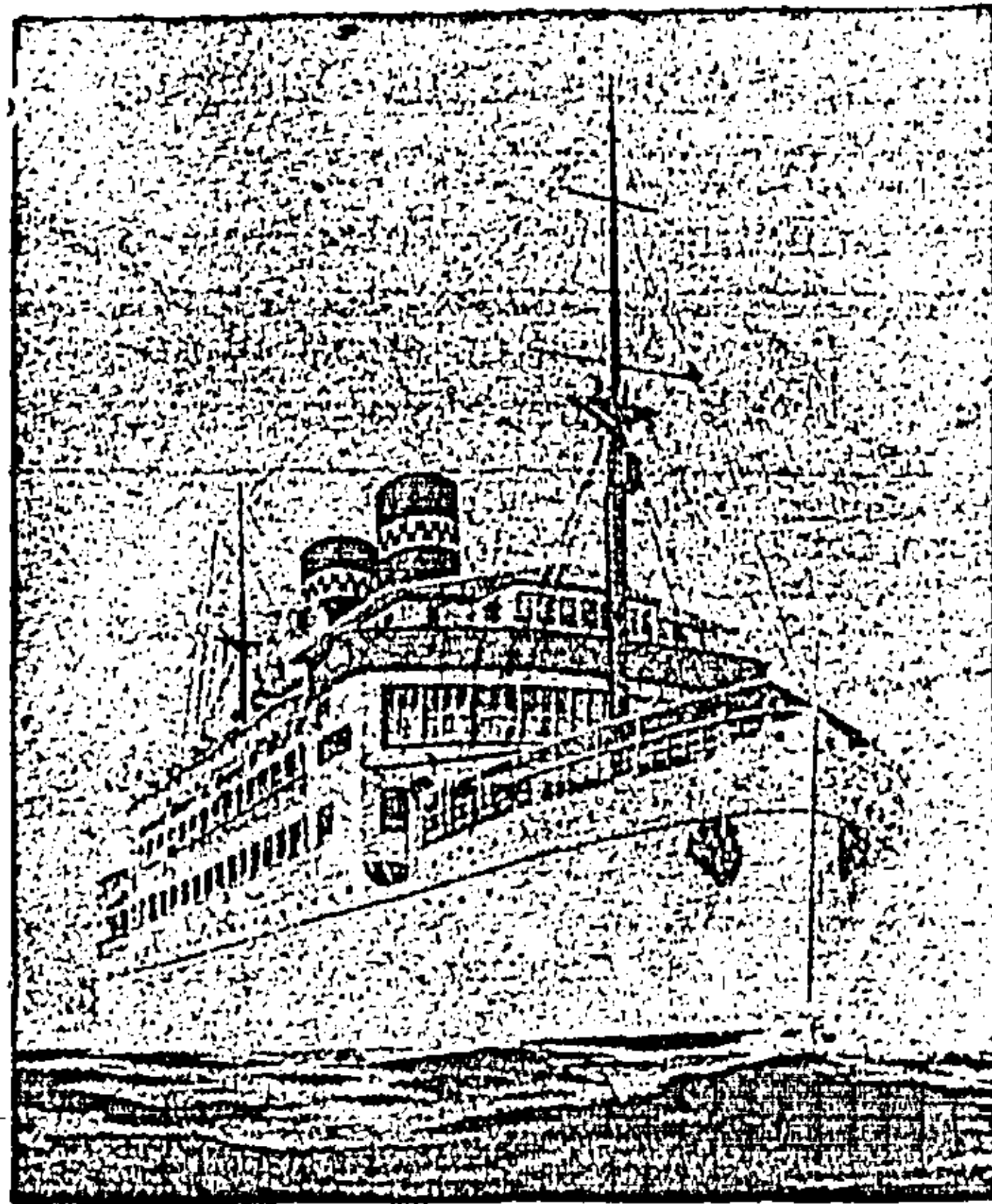
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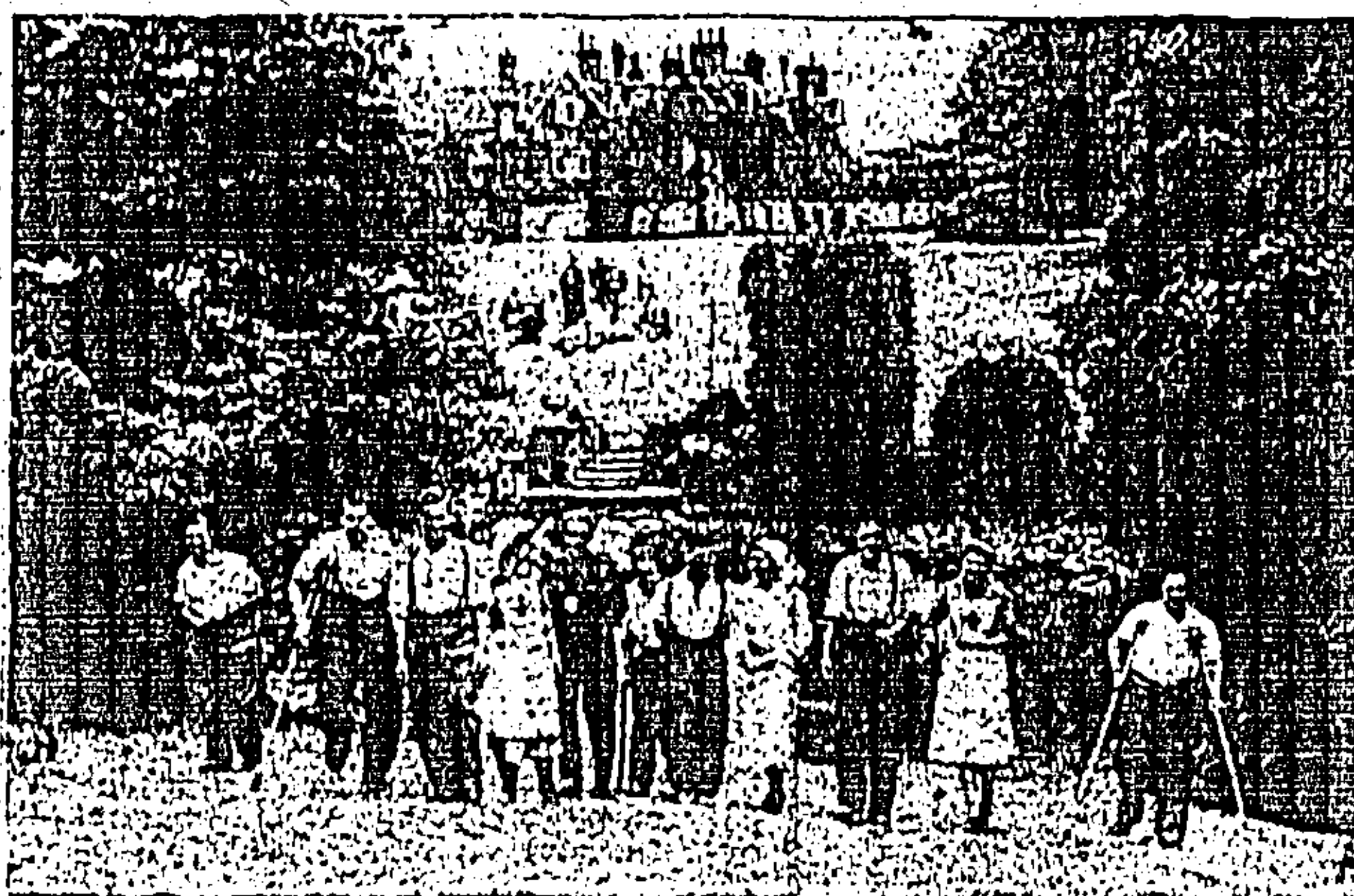
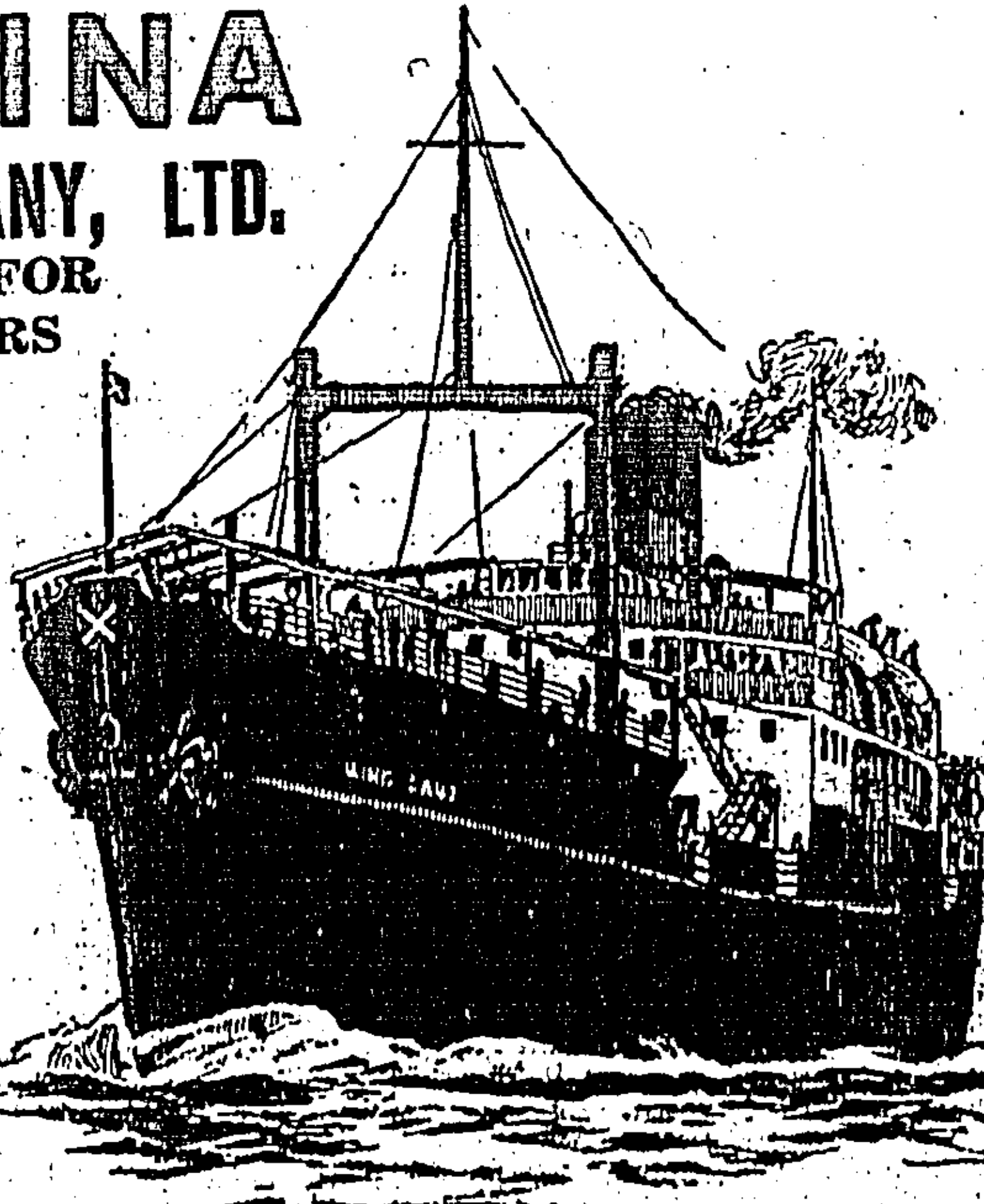
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their disposal. In these surroundings they are speedily regaining
their health and will soon be able to side with their comrades
again. Photo shows soldiers and nurses in the spacious grounds.
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JOYRIDER CAUGHT

A 17-year-old youth, Liu Chi-
ting, was charged before Mr. H. G.
Sheldon, K. C., this morning, with
driving motor car No. 6072 with-
out a licence, and without the
owner's permission.

Traffic Sub-Inspector F. J.
Clarke who prosecuted, said that
Mr. N. L. Evans of Butterfield
and Swire, parked his car outside
his office in Connaught Road Cen-
tral at about 10.30 a.m. yesterday.
At 2 o'clock, Mr. Evans was in-
formed that his car was being
driven by a Chinese in Stubbs
Road, with two other Chinese in-
side.

The Traffic Department was in-
formed, and defendant was ar-
rested in Cain Road at about 3.50
p.m.

Defendant was fined \$25 or 14
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PREFECTS PUT ON RESERVE LIST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The French Home Minister yester-
day placed on the reserve list
the Prefects of the three impor-
tant Departments of Pas-de-
Calais, Loire Inferieure and Can-
tal.—Havas.

LANCASHIRE'S USE OF EGYPTIANS

Lancashire uses over one third
of the whole Egyptian cotton
supply. Large quantities of fine
Egyptian yarns have been used
for balloon fabrics and aircraft
production. The agreement on
the purchase of the cotton crop
between the British and Egyptian
Governments announced yester-
day has been well received in
business circles. General com-
ment on the agreement stresses
the significant contrast which it
makes with the type of arrange-
ment in which Nazi economic
policy contrives to involve other
countries.—British Wireless.

RANGE COURSE FOR TRAINING CADRE

The Military Authorities an-
nounce that the following squads
of the Training Cadre will fire
their range course on Sunday:

Squads:—
H9A. H10A. H11A. H12A.
H14. H15. H16. H17.

Members of these squads will
parade at Kowloon Tong B Range
at 9.30 a.m. next Sunday. Any
other members of the Cadre who
have not hitherto fired a rifle
should report to the Range Officer
at the same time.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong
Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8.
Silver was quoted at 23-1/2
spot and 22-13/16 forward.
The cross rate London/New
York was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.-
0250 and the New York/London
rate at £—U.S.\$3.90-1/2.

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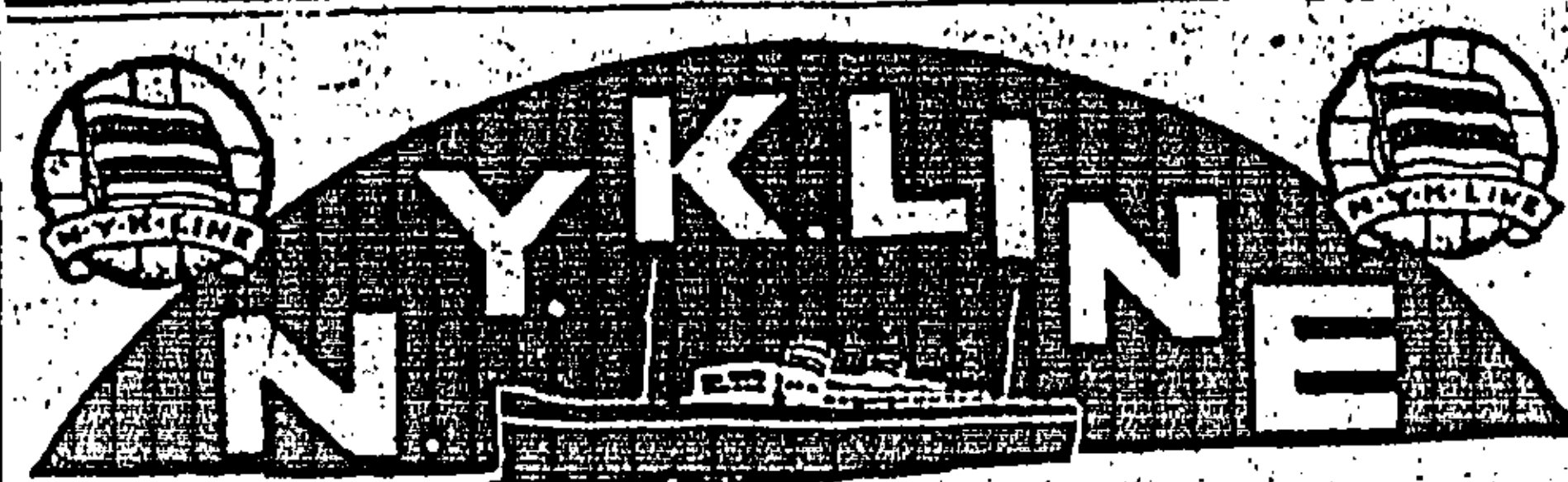
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3.40 p.m.—Local Time Signal. Weather Report and Announcements.
3.50 p.m.—Rale da Costa at the Piano.
4.15 p.m.—Light Orchestra.
4.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"The Fol-de-Rols."
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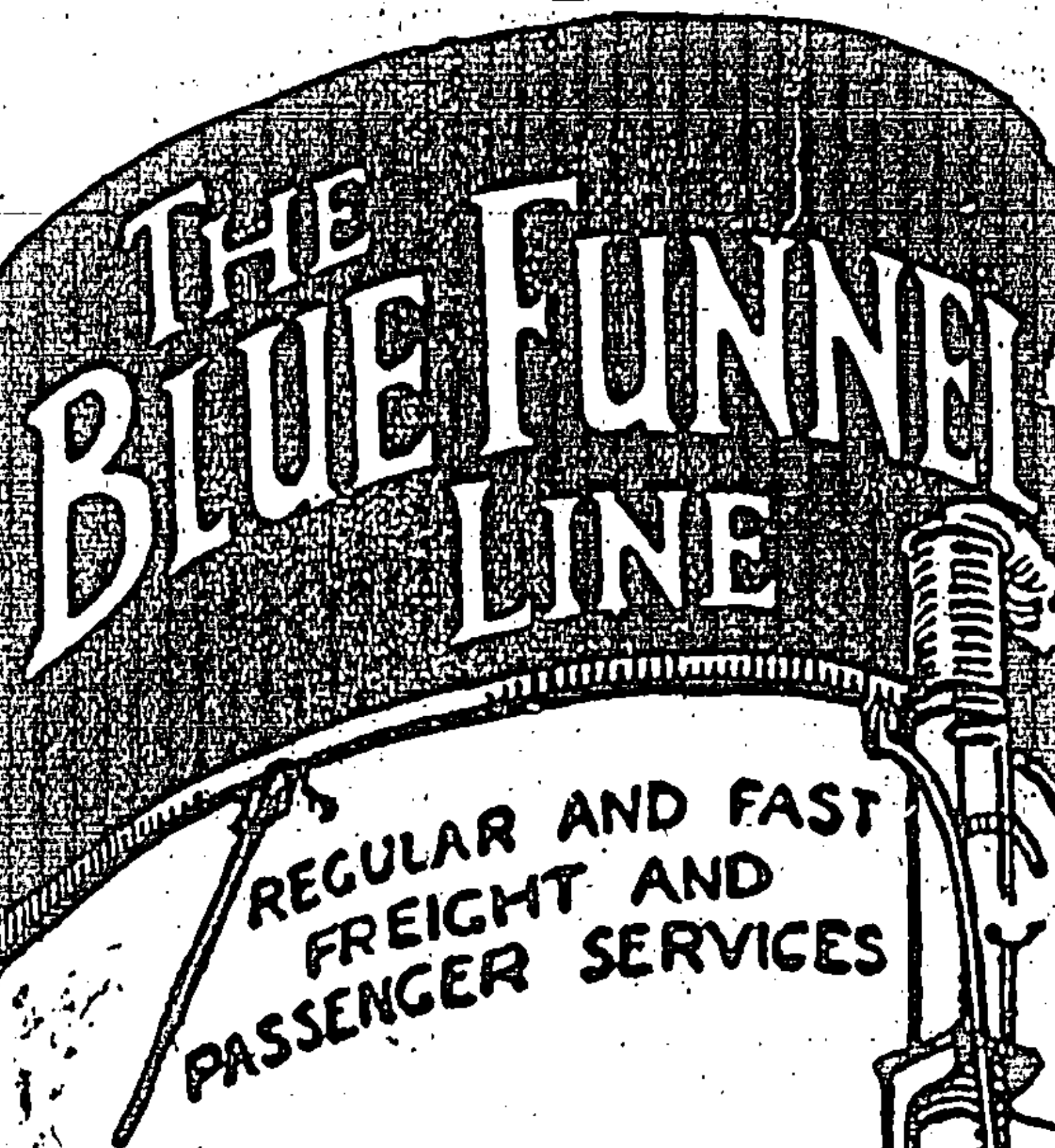
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By "Adrem"

WITH THE Battle of Britain in the offing, our own problems of local defence before us and minds still unsettled from the recent evacuation, the thoughts of most local cricketers are likely to be on any subject but cricket. August, however, advances rapidly, September will soon be upon us and with September a new cricket season.

Footballers, notwithstanding local disturbances, have started on their job and their arrangements for the Winter programme are already well advanced.

Notwithstanding increased calls on his time by the Volunteers or other defence organisations, the Hong Kong cricketer, especially those benedicts who were wont to reserve their Sundays for the family, should have more time on their hands during the Winter than ever before. Consequently the main argument against Sunday cricket should not now apply.

So to start with—and I warn readers that I am going to submit some revolutionary ideas—I am going to advocate Sunday cricket. For those puritans who feel that the right way to spend Sunday is in church, I would now state that my scheme does not include the mornings and so there is no reason why church should not be attended in the mornings with cricket—surely the ideal form of Sunday recreation—occupying the afternoons.

That is the first stage. The second is the entire reconstitution of the Cricket League. After considerable initial doubt as to the possibility of carrying on last season, a League of sorts—won eventually by K.C.C.—was carried to a more or less successful conclusion but in many aspects it was unsatisfactory in that H.K.C.C. did not take part, and one or two of the weaker teams were unable to complete their fixtures as the result of increased calls on their time by the Volunteers.

If the present Volunteer training programme, with the addition of one week-end's training a month for all units, is maintained, any League that is formed will, in all likelihood, be able to carry on in a more satisfactory manner than last season. But is a Cricket League, on the lines of the one operating last season, desirable to the majority of cricketers?

Organised Cricket More Desirable

It is a well-known fact that League cricket does not meet with general approval. There have been many, in recent years, who have advocated its entire abolition.

It has been accepted, nevertheless, that organised cricket is better than just friendlies in that some discipline is maintained, and, if it has been keener than necessary, has the desire for points made them the grim affairs that some would have us believe? In point of fact the necessity of winning outright in order to keep in the running for honours has resulted in cricket of a brighter order than is ever seen in a friendly when the result one way or another does not really matter.

If then it is accepted that League Cricket is desirable, what would be the best method of organising it in the best interests of the game locally?

A fellow cricket scribe has for some years past bemoaned the lack of new Public School talent from Home and to that he has attributed the poor standard, now

prevailing. The standard here may or may not be poor—that is a matter of opinion—but it must be granted that very little has been done to encourage the product of the local school once he has left school.

And while it may be argued that the Volunteer, who has readily taken on all the added work that the war has brought, is merely helping to save his own neck by his efficiency if trouble should break out, it is also a fact that the H.K.V.D.C., unlike the military authorities, makes very little provision for his recreation and entertainment. Apart from Volunteer Sunday cricket, there is no organised effort to arrange recreation of any description.

Inter-Unit League Would Aid Corps

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Similarly all work and no play—on organised lines—does little or nothing to foster that team spirit and esprit de corps which, it must be admitted, has not been a strong point of the Corps.

WHICH AT LAST BRINGS ME TO MY POINT: CRICKET HERE UNDOUBTEDLY NEEDS A SHAKE-UP; PRINCIPAL ARGUMENT AGAINST LEAGUE CRICKET IS VOLUNTEER DUTIES; PRACTICALLY EVERY CRICKETER IN THE COLONY IS NOW IN THE DEFENCE RESERVE. THEN WHY NOT AN INTER-UNIT CRICKET LEAGUE? MATCHES PLAYED ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS?

It is not suggested that the Volunteers should organise the League or that organisations other than Volunteer units be barred from competing; rather, that the League should cater primarily for Volunteers.

There may be one or two clubs who have not a Volunteer majority on their membership list, but I.R.C. and University are the only two to come to mind. There would be nothing to prevent such clubs entering the League but it would necessarily be on the

understanding that Volunteer units would have first call on the services of their members.

Assuming that all units in the Volunteers were able to raise at least one side, that Navy, Naval Volunteers, Police, Police Reserves, A. R. P. and St. John Ambulance entered teams, and that Army held a Company League, matches being played from Mondays to Fridays, there would be some 30 teams entered.

At first glance, running a League for as many teams as that would appear an almost impossible undertaking unless, as has happened hitherto, the League were divided into two or more divisions. Sub-division gets away from another factor that I think is to the good of local cricket. If there were only one division, the young players just out of school would, in the course of a season, come up against practically every really good cricketer in the Colony instead of having to languish for several seasons in a Junior Division waiting for some veteran to retire and make way for him in the senior team. Therefore, it is humanly possible, there should be only one division.

Clubs' Co-operation Essential

It is essential, therefore, as I see it, that all clubs should co-operate wholeheartedly.

The grounds problem would be a very real one if the clubs did not all come in as it would be necessary for all grounds to be placed at the disposal of the League, thus, for the time being, washing out any organised club cricket of any sort.

Assuming again that 30 teams entered arrangements would have to be made for some 29 matches every week-end if all teams were available, but, of course, they won't be. At least five Volunteer units will be training every week-end so this reduces the number of matches for a start.

So far as is known there are 12 grounds—Navy, Happy Valley, University, H.K.C.C., C.S.C.C., Police, C.C.C., Army, I.R.C., Navy, King's Park, C. B. S., Recreio, and K.C.C.

With Saturdays and Sundays utilised this would mean that 24 matches could be played each week, and this should more than meet the situation.

Grounds would be drawn with fixtures, which brings an element of chance into the scheme of things. It would mean that a member of a club with a really good ground might never play on that ground—but what odds—he plays a good many of his matches away under the old system in any case.

The question of equipment could be left to units. It would not cost a great deal to lay in a stock of three bats, three sets of pads and a cricket bag, and I am certain that clubs would not object to their stumps and ground staffs being used.

Expense Problem Easily Overcome

All other expenses would be on the pro rata basis, clubs allowing the

ments, balls and tea. The cost of the tea and balls would be split and individuals would be responsible for their own chits, to be forwarded by clubs to the units concerned, who would be responsible for collection from members and payment each month to the club concerned. In order that clubs should not be saddled with the responsibility of collections, H.K.V.D.C. or the parent body of the unit participating would guarantee all accounts out of regimental or other funds.

All this sounds very revolutionary and not a little involved but I am certain it could be worked. We live in unusual times and local authorities, not to mention those at Home, have expressed the desire that sport should be maintained as far as possible. Apart from that there is the stimulation that would be given to cricket and, greatest factor of all, the building of a team spirit within the Corps, that might do much to make the individual forget grievances, real or imaginary, AND ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO JOINED UNDER COMPULSION TO STAY ON IN THE CORPS AFTER THE WAR IS OVER.

Possible Strength Estimated

A rough estimate of the cricketing strength of the Corps can be had by scanning the list appended. It is not suggested that this list is correct in every detail or that all the names in it represent cricketers who have so far been active. But for the most part, all the names shown are of those who play or who have played the game fairly recently. In other words a nucleus around which sides could be built.

There is little doubt that No. 3 Company, with almost the cream of the talent of K.C.C. and Crailengower, are the strongest on paper, and there is little doubt that they would have little difficulty in fielding two sides, possibly one from No. 9 Platoon, in which most of their cricketers are congregated, and another from the rest of the Company.

Fifth A. A. Battery is also not lacking in talent, while No. 1 Company, with Major Owen-Hughes at the helm, have numerical strength if nothing else.

The Portuguese Companies are well split up as regards strength and would be able to field two useful sides, while Mobiles are not lacking in talent.

Several companies have definitely not the numbers to run their own sides, but I suggest that they could form a Combined Units side with the aid of the second-in-command, Lt.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, who is attached to H.Q. and is thus not eligible for any one company.

I am not aware of the composition of the Training Cadre but, having regard to their numbers and from a personal knowledge of cricketers in it, I feel that they would be well able to take part in the League.

There are other units, possibly, that I have not mentioned, who would be able to take part, but from what information is available there appears to be no real reason why an Inter-Unit League should not be a great success.

As regards possible participants

CLUB CRICKETER'S FINE FEAT

In ordinary times non-stop century-maker Leonard Newman, the Alexandra Park cricketer, would have been a headliner for a feat just accomplished, which has passed unheeded.

He has hit the 200th hundred of an astonishing cricket career.

Jack Hobbs has done it, and so, maybe, did W. G. Grace in all matches, though I never heard it claimed for him, but I do not think there is any other authenticated record to compare with Newman's, writes a Home correspondent.

T. G. Grinter hit 186 centuries up to the end of 1938, in which season the Alexandra Park star just got his nose in front of his great rival and passed his century aggregate by one.

4,138 IN A SEASON

C. H. Tichmarsh, another prolific scorer, once hit 4,016 runs in a season, but Newman, in 1935, topped this by 122 and in three consecutive seasons totalling over 10,000 runs.

Even Bradman has never got near this batting orgy. Newman made his first hundred in 1908, scored 200 or more 14 times, and his life aggregate is well over 50,000. Now has a son in the Alexandra Park first eleven with him who has inherited the century habit.

outside of the Corps, Naval Volunteers, with L. D. Kilbee, F. Baker, D. S. Robb, C. M. Stark and B. D. Lay, to mention but a few, should be able to raise a fairly useful side, while Police, of course, have always fielded a useful representative team.

I am told that St. John Ambulance claims many members of I.R.C., and they might be able to enter a team.

Possible Composition Of Various Teams

Following are cricketers who could form the backbone of a side:

First Battery—D. McLellan, J. L. Hsley, H. J. D. Lowe, B. I. Bickford and A. S. Bliss.
Second Battery—T. W. Carr, N. D. Lloyd, N. J. Bebbington, R. H. Griffiths.

Third Battery—H. T. Buxton, R. S. Capell, H. A. Nanak, A. H. Ismail, A. K. Omar, N. Leonard and E. S. Cunningham.

Fourth Battery—F. Schnepel, W. McGittins and I. S. A. Curraem.
Fifth A. A. Battery—L. Gold- man, J. L. C. Pearce, D. S. Blake, A. T. Lee, D. I. Bosanquet, A. Kitchell, B. L. Stock, T. V. N. Fortescue, E. F. Fincher, G. A. L. Plummer, A. Zimmer, A. C. I. Bowker, R. C. Reed and F. A. M. Elliott.

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Corps Signals—W. H. G. Hirst, A. D. Coppin, T. S. D. Whitley, K. M. Baxter, B. S. Wilson, T. H. Suiter, W. S. Gegg and N. J. Booker.

No. 1 Company—H. Owen-Hughes, A. H. Penn, L. B. Holmes, D. G. Day, L. C. Baker, F. J. D. Clemo, L. E. Lammert, R. M. Wood, J. T. Lacey, R. A. J. Simpson, D. B. Nelson and M. F. L. Haymes.

No. 2 Company—W. C. Tillery, J. P. White, A. K. Mackenzie, E. Curtis, I. Kempton and F. Crabb.

No. 3 Company—E. C. Fincher, D. J. N. Anderson, E. Zimmer, N. A. E. Mackay, D. Hung, A. Zimmer, W. L. Rapley, F. R. Zimmer, A. Hung, T. A. Madar, M. C. Hung, T. Lock, V. H. White, J. Prettejohn, R. J. Reed, W. K. Way, S. A. Reed, E. N. Matthews, C. N. Matthews, G. S. Winch, N. Broadbridge and R. T. Broadbridge.

No. 5 Company—J. M. Gosano, C. D'Almada e Castro, E. M. L. Soares, G. N. Gosano, L. G. Gosano, M. Mendonca and P. M. N. da Silva.

No. 6 Company—L. A. Soares, A. M. Alves, L. J. Gutierrez, F. A. Prata, P. A. Yvanovich, A. V. Gosano, A. J. M. Prata and F. M. Soares.

No. 7 Company—J. Barrow.
Mobile Column—J. H. Fox, G. Champelovier, W. J. Mills, G. C. Aitkenhead, E. O. Murphy, J. R. Way, W. Stoker, V. C. Bond, N. H. B. Whitley, N. D. Booker, G. Ainslie, D. O. Parsons and L. R. Burch.

A. S. C. Company—P. E. Baskett, L. W. Tiddle, W. Hyde, F. I. Zimmer, J. A. Fisher, H. A. Waller and L. A. R. Duncan.
Field Ambulance—L. T. Rids, A. M. Rodrigues, L. W. Hume, R. Leigh, R. Baldwin, R. S. Gill, D. Cray, H. E. Strange and H. F. Shields.

"Skip" Says OPEN GAMES SHOULD BE PLAYED ON SUNDAYS

WHEN MARK TWAIN as a schoolboy was told to write an essay on a lazy boy's half hour, he returned a blank sheet of paper and I feel inclined to do the same for rain has robbed me of the material for my weekly notes.

That Saturday's games were postponed was obvious as early as Friday and further rain during Saturday night precluded any hope that the rink games scheduled for Sunday afternoon might take place.

A number of Open Pairs games were down for decision on Monday but not one of these, nor those on Tuesday's programme, were played.

Whether the climatic conditions exception rather than the rule as from which we have been suffering at present in force. The Singles Competition could well be run on Sunday too, I think. With the full co-operation of the Club—and the clerk of the weather of course—the first round could be played off in two weeks: after that a round each Sunday would, I feel sure, conclude the event just as speedily as a series of games played on various weeks days. I make the suggestion by way of being constructive of course and am not suggesting in the least that the competition sub-committee is not running the events well.

Wrong Expression

"Burn the head" is an expression which is very often heard on local bowling greens but it is a phrase which is used quite erroneously. It is impossible, according to the rules, to burn a head by playing a nominated shot. Let us look at the rules for a minute. Rule X reads:

"The term 'burned' is applied to a jack or bowl which has been interfered with or displaced otherwise than by a bowl in play."

If we substitute the word "fouled" for "burned" a better conception of the meaning is obtained. In each of the cases covered by the rules, whether the jack or a wood is involved, the burning or fouling is done by some object other than the bowl actually being played.

Rule VII adequately covers the case where a player deliberately strikes the jack in order to send it beyond the limits of the rink. Part of this rule reads:

If a jack be driven by a bowl in play wholly beyond the limits of the rink . . . it shall be counted dead and the head shall be played again in the same direction.

That seems quite clear enough, so let us coach ourselves to say a case eventuate the game could be played on a week-day as the one!

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The match was indeed a close one, the "Magogs" winning by the very low margin of 4 pins only, so it can be imagined how evenly-balanced were the two teams. The individual scores were as follows:—

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Ttl.
Jack Gracie	84	85	99	84	84	436
H. B. Wilkins	89	96	85	78	80	428

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Ttl.
G. Birkett	84	75	85	104	100	448
J. H. Watts	82	70	82	103	85	422

The average score per player for "Magogs" worked out at 87 pins per game for the 10 games played, while the average for the "Oggs" was 87.5 pins per player per game.

There were only three scores of 100 or over and these were all bagged by the "Oggs", Watts scoring 103 in his 4th game and Birkett 104, also in his 4th game, with 100 in his fifth.

These two scores for Birkett, of the "Oggs", gave him highest aggregate for the match with 448 or an average of 89.6 pins per game, while Jack Gracie of "Magogs" was very close behind with 436 pins or slightly below 90 pins per game.

Landolt Surprises

On the same day, there was a Ten Pin Match in the 4th Round of the Singles Handicap Competition between two Alley bowling favourites, J. S. Landolt and Corp. J. H. Watts. Both their handicaps was plus 20 each, so they started off level.

It was the general opinion that Watts would win, mainly because Landolt has not been bowling much lately, owing to the calls of lawn bowls.

Much to the surprise of all, Landolt won very convincingly by no less than 117 pins, the individual scores being as follows:—

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
J. S. Landolt (plus 20)	199	180	204	583
Corp. J. H. Watts (plus 20)	147	182	137	466

Landolt bowled his usual 190 to 200 a game, and his 583 worked out at 194 pins per game.

Watts was not up to normal form, although he managed to get 182 in his second game, but 147 in his first and 137 in his third, proved his downfall, and is nothing like what he can, and has done.

Alley Team Again

On Monday there was a Ten Pin match arranged between the veteran Alley Team and the "Argonauts", this match resulting in a decided win for the Alley team by no less than 388 pins, the scores being as follows:—

ALLEY TEAM		ARGONAUTS	
	Total		Total
H. Blount	855	D. E. Norman	750
J. H. Watts	816	J. Gracie	720
F. P. Hollis	789	D. Hall	688
L. S. Pawlowski	713	G. Birkett	651
	3173		2787

S. A. Ismail, an original member of "Argonauts", was unfortunately unable to turn out for this match, and D. E. Norman of Asheville, filled in the gap, to such good purpose that he registered the "Argonauts" highest score, a good 750 or an average of exactly 150 pins per game.

Highest score of the match was compiled by Blount with a useful 855 pins or an average of 171 pins per game; this was a good performance, more so as Blount has just had a rather long and tedious spell in hospital, and one might say, he is still only in the convalescent stage.

Blount registered the only 200 of this match, a good 211 in his 5th game. Watts, for the Alley team, who is never far behind the leaders, was second highest scorer with 816 in his bag, an average of 163 pins per game.

Hollis did not quite make his 800 but he was not very far behind with 789 or an average of 158 pins per game; this is somewhat below Hollis' usual efforts—he is more often above 800 than below this figure.

Pawlowski Off Form

Pawlowski who deputised for Doc Molthen, who was unavoid-

ably absent, did not do as well as expected, his 713 being fair but not up to usual standard. His average worked out at about 143 pins per game.

However, the match was a good friendly one, but I am afraid Birkett, Gracie and Hall will have to put in more practice before they will be able to get closer to their formidable opponents.

There was another good 3-game Ten Pin match played on Wednesday in the 4th Round of the Singles Handicap Competition. It was between Doc Molthen and G. T. Sipitsky.

Molthen's handicap was plus 20 and Sipitsky's plus 50 so the former was conceding 30 pins per game or 90 pins for the three games played.

The individual scores were as follows:—

	1st	2nd	3rd	Re- ceives	Ttl.
Doc Molthen	162	183	167	—	512
G. T. Sipitsky	122	136	139	90	487

As can be seen by these scores Molthen just managed to scrape home as the result of his strikes in his last game or it would have been a moot point who would have won.

Molthen was not in his usual form and should have done much better, old veteran that he is, but Sipitsky did very well to finish so close to him.

Fine Effort

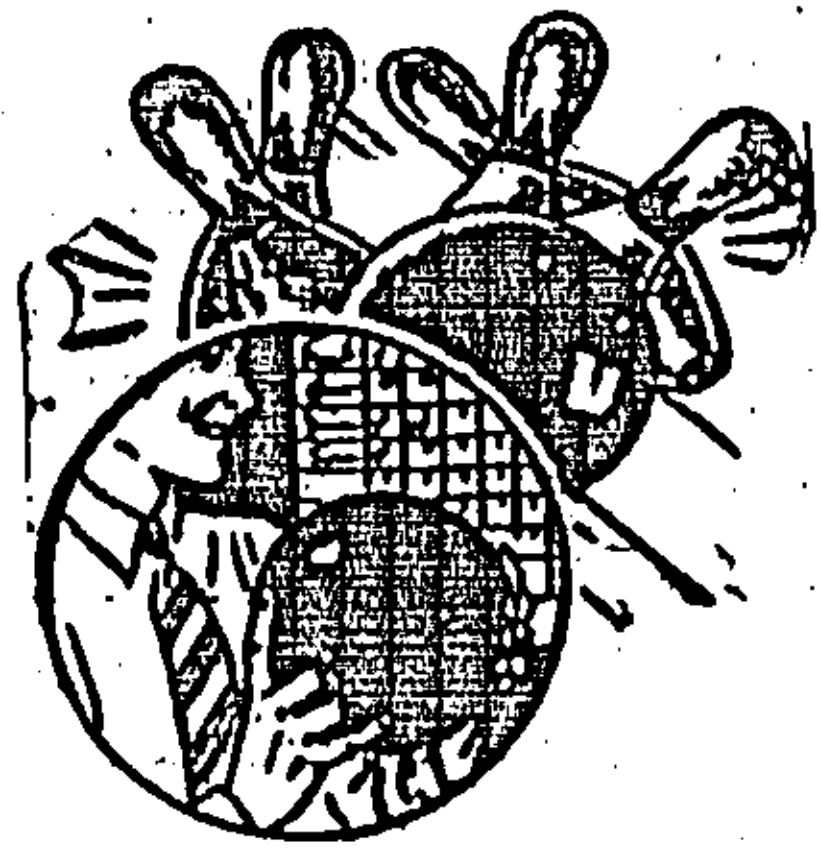
There was an unusually high Duck Pin score registered in the Alleys on Tuesday by R. D. Ayers, of U.S.S. Tulsa, who bagged no fewer than 149. With a little more luck he might have surpassed the Duck Pin record for men for these Alleys claimed for Sapper J. R. Fawcett, of Royal Engineers, who made 157 last November.

To make the 149, Ayers had no less than three strikes and three spares in his game, undoubtedly a brilliant effort.

K.I.T.C. BEAT RECREIO

Kowloon Indian Tennis Club beat Club de Recreio by five sets to four in "D" Division of the Lawn Tennis League at King's Park yesterday.

N. A. Boltrao and V. Yvanovich (Recreio) . . . 1-6
lost to S. A. and S. S. Hussain . . . 1-6
beat E. Khan and H. M. Singh . . . 7-5
beat G. Singh and M. Ramzan . . . 6-2
R. M. Soares and P. Yvanovich (Recreio) . . . 1-6
lost to S. A. and S. S. Hussain . . . 1-6
lost to F. Khan and H. M. Singh . . . 2-6
beat G. Singh and M. Ramzan . . . 6-0
C. D'Almada and A. M. Alves (Recreio) . . . 1-6
lost to S. A. and S. S. Hussain . . . 1-6
lost to F. Khan and H. M. Singh . . . 1-6
beat G. Singh and M. Ramzan . . . 6-2



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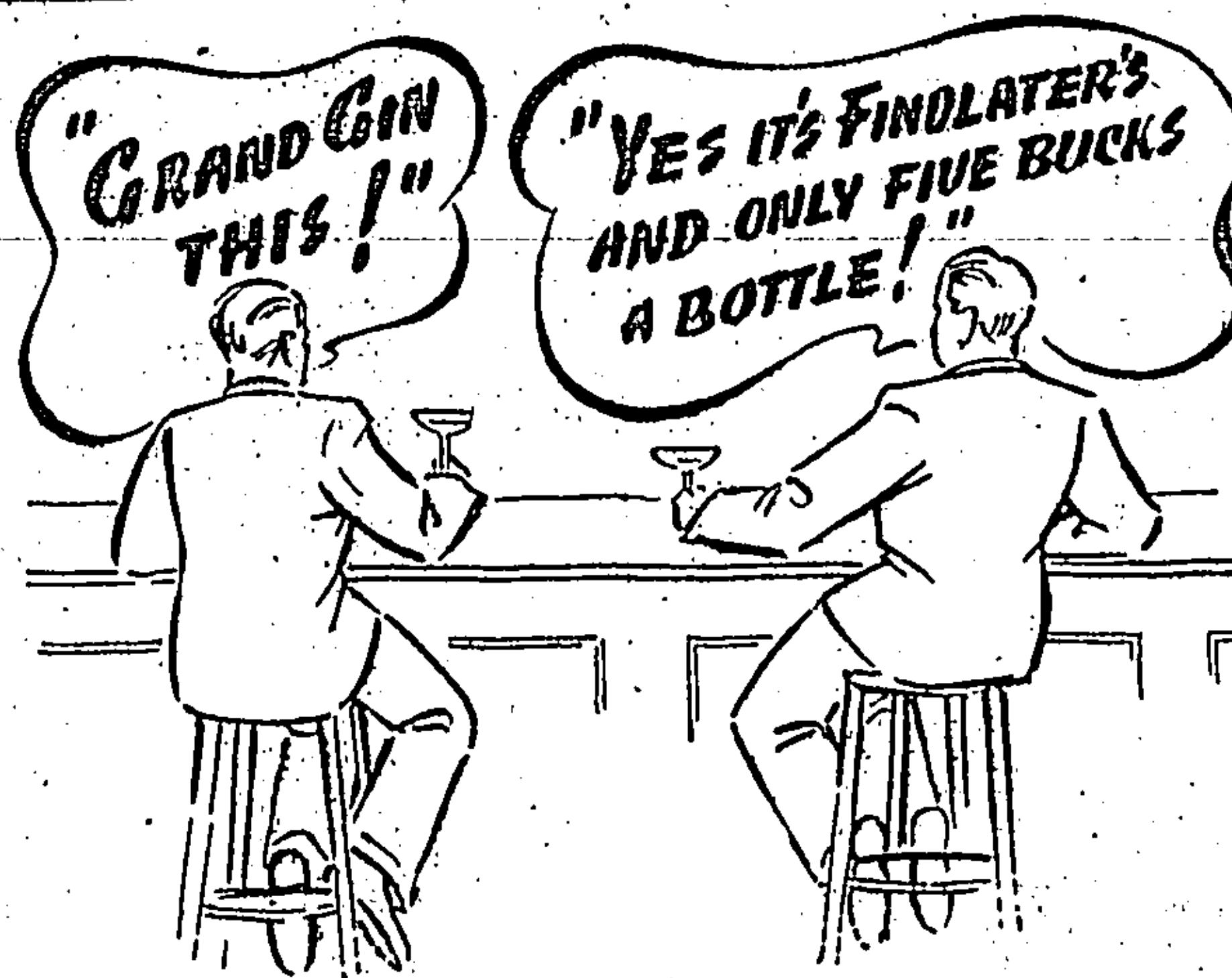
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LAWN BOWLS SWEEP DRAW

Draw for the weekly Lawn Bowls Sweep, which is conducted solely among members of Lawn Bowls Clubs, was made this morning and resulted as follows:

"B" Sweep

FIRST DIVISION	
Recrelo "A" (495)	P.R.C. (785)
C.C.C. (900)	K.B.G.C. (857)
C.S.C.C. (379)	K.D.R.C. (876)
K.C.C. (10)	H.K.F.C. (503)
I.R.C. (496)	Recrelo "B" (937)
SECOND DIVISION	
C.C.C. (205)	Recrelo (903)
T.D.R.C. (57)	K. Tong (20)
H.K.C.C. (935)	P.R.C. (841)
K.B.G.C. (447)	K.C.C. (836)
K.F.C. (894)	C.S.C.C. (419)
THIRD DIVISION	
H.K.E.R.C. (504)	H.K.C.C. (103)
P.O.C. (52)	H.K.F.C. (404)
K.F.C. (516)	I.R.C. (337)

"A" Sweep

FIRST DIVISION	
Recrelo "A" (993)	P.R.C. (248)
C.C.C. (416)	K.B.G.C. (1052)
C.S.C.C. (1011)	K.D.R.C. (428)
K.C.C. (776)	H.K.F.C. (953)
I.R.C. (10)	Recrelo "B" (205)
SECOND DIVISION	
C.C.C. (528)	Recrelo (486)
T.D.R.C. (751)	K. Tong (436)
H.K.C.C. (425)	P.R.C. (477)
K.B.G.C. (392)	K.C.C. (84)
K.F.C. (111)	C.S.C.C. (70)
THIRD DIVISION	
H.K.E.R.C. (760)	H.K.C.C. (302)
P.O.C. (189)	H.K.F.C. (191)
K.F.C. (189)	I.R.C. (623)

OPEN PAIRS RESULTS

Further progress was made in the Third Round of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship yesterday when a number of matches were played.

At Kowloon Docks, R. P. Phillips and J. E. Henson just beat A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan by 20 shots to 19.

The winners were leading at the 15th head by 16 shots to 8 but failed to score on the next five heads by which time their opponents had taken the lead at the 20th head at 19—16, Phillips and Henson scored a four on the last head to give them a win.

The losers registered a five on the 19th head.

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club, V. Chittenden and W. V. Field were badly trounced by L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro and lost by 36 shots to 8.

The losers drew first blood with a singleton but the Portuguese pair scored a four at the next head and followed this up with a one and a three. Field and Chittenden then scored two singles but did not add to that score until the 13th head. Silva and Ribeiro had, thanks to three twos, by then gained a lead of 17 shots to 3, and at the 18th head were leading by 22 shots to 8.

The winners finished up very strongly with a five a six and a three.

Two Taikoo Docks pairs were beaten at Civil Service yesterday.

W. Gill and G. Duncan entered the quarter-finals at the expense of W. Melrose and J. C. Chalmers when they won by 24 shots to 10.

R. Main and G. Munroe figured in a close game against C. Dowman and F. C. Channing and were only beaten by 16 shots to 14.

Following are detailed scores of two of the matches:—

A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan		R. P. Phillips and J. E. Henson	
Heads	Shots Total	Shots Total	Shots Total
1	0	3	3
2	2	0	3
3	1	0	3
4	0	1	4
5	0	3	1
6	0	3	1
7	1	4	0
8	1	5	0
9	0	5	2
10	2	7	0
11	0	7	2
12	0	7	2
13	0	7	3
14	1	8	0
15	0	8	1
16	1	9	0
17	2	11	0
18	2	13	0
19	5	16	0
20	1	19	0
21	0	19	4

L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro		V. Chittenden and W. V. Field	
Heads	Shots Total	Shots Total	Shots Total
1	0	0	1
2	4	0	1
3	1	0	1
4	0	0	1
5	0	0	1
6	0	0	1
7	0	0	1
8	0	0	1
9	2	11	0
10	2	13	0
11	1	14	0
12	2	17	0
13	0	17	2
14	2	19	0
15	2	21	0
16	1	22	0
17	0	22	2
18	0	22	1
19	5	27	0
20	0	33	0
21	3	33	0

BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent various teams in the Lawn Bowls League to-morrow:—

K.D.R.C.
First Division (v C.S.C.C., away)—R. H. Lapsley, W. Mackie, G. Cooper and F. Cullen (skip); A. M. Calman, J. Revie, T. Coleman and J. McKelvie (skip); W. Houston, W. D. McMaster, M. Ferguson and R. Morrison (skip).

K.C.C.
First Division (v H.K.F.C., home)—A. W. Smith, G. Lee, W. Hyde and E. Kern (skip); V. C. Labrum, T. Madar, A. W. Ramsey and E. C. Fincher (skip); L. Jack, J. W. M. Brown, J. Fraser and F. Goodwin (skip).
Second Division (v K.B.G.C., away)—R. S. Capel, E. Curtis, W. Parsons and G. Moss (skip); C. Champelovier, G. Taylor, R. Marks and H. Overly (skip); R. Leight, F. A. Fabel, R. Wellwood and A. Spary (skip).

K.F.C.
Second Division (v C.S.C.C.)—J. Gibson, A. Eastman, R. Hall and P. Younghusband (skip); W. Groves, R. Hughes, C. Dowman and W. Simpson (skip); A. Lapsley, V. Attenza, V. Chittenden and W. Field (skip).
Third Division (v I.R.C.)—C. Fuller, C. Woodcock, S. Wong and B. Evans (skip); B. Thomson, B. Williams, Y. Abbas and J. Smalley (skip); G. Frost, G. Ogden, C. Pile and J. Henson (skip).

C.S.C.C.
First Division (v K.D.R.C., home)—J. Cellatley, A. B. Allan, L. A. Gollyer and J. W. Deakin (skip); A. Steven, J. Hollidge, J. F. McGowan and A. W. Grimmit (skip); C. J. Walker, W. J. Burling, M. N. Rakusen and F. J. Jones (skip).
Second Division (v K.F.C., away)—P. D. Crawley, H. Lord, H. F. Harper and C. Strange (skip); J. R. Carr, F. S. Austin, E. W. Simmonds and S. Eccleshall (skip); A. F. Shepherd, E. W. H. Colledge, E. Kirmon and W. R. Hillyer (skip).

Taikoo R.C.
Second Division (v K.T.R.C., home)—W. Melrose, C. Bovalrd, T. F. Stainton and J. C. Chalmers (skip); R. Main, L. Gibson, F. Hillon and D. Munro (skip); D. Coult, T. Grimes, J. A. Watson and R. M. Keown (skip).

SING TAO BEAT ALL-MALAYA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Playing their last game at Penang yesterday, Sing Tao beat All-Malaya by the odd goal in five. Fung King-cheong (2) and Kwok Ying-kee scored for Sing Tao.

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P.R.C.

First Division (v Recrelo "A", away)—T. R. Hunter, W. B. Harris, W. S. Dall and J. C. S. Fender (skip); G. Perkins, W. J. Cameron, A. E. Carey and E. G. Post (skip); F. Nolan, H. Brown, J. Orem and J. Shepherd (skip).
Second Division (v H.K.C.C., away)—A. J. Johnson, J. Hayward, J. Riddell and F. Channing (skip); J. W. Harrop, G. Willerton, A. Soutar and J. Macdonald (skip); W. L. Clark, R. D. Fitches, J. R. McWalter and J. Aitken (skip).

H.K.C.C.
Second Division (v Police R. Club Home)—A. D. Humphreys, J. L. Mout, A. Nissim and R. H. Wild (skip); A. T. Lay, N. D. Lloyd, E. Hopes and R. Davies (skip); A. K. Mackenzie, H. A. Angus, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (skip).

Third Division (v H.K. Electric Away)—G. R. Razavet, L. E. N. Ryan, W. J. Hansen and P. S. Cassidy (skip); H. B. L. Dowbiggin, E. W. Hamilton, B. J. Lacon and W. A. Cornell (skip); Col. E. S. Doughty, L. M. Wylie, G. G. Aitkenhead and A. McKellar (skip).

"THE GREATEST PLAY I'VE EVER SEEN..."

(This is another of a series of short descriptions of "The Greatest Play I've Ever Seen," as appearing in the Shanghai "China Press.")

By CAL HIRSH

(As told to Hal P. Mills of the Shanghai "China Press")

The bit of baseball I have in mind cannot rightly be called a "great play" but can be referred to as a "great freak-play" or lucky baseball. The year was 1925.

The crack University of California baseball team was in Shanghai and took on the Shanghai Amateurs in a tussle at the Race Course on a Sunday afternoon. I was in rightfield for the local team but had no part in the play I shall describe.

It was during the latter part of the game, I seem to recall and the Amateurs were at bat. As to men on base and the number of outs, if any, I don't recall. Maskee. They had no bearing on the play.

On the previous day and even on that very day, rain had fallen and large pools of water were in evidence in and around the outfield. The infield, too, was plenty soggy, but the game was played rather than disappoint fans, as the stay of the visiting collegians was limited. Oddly enough, both the

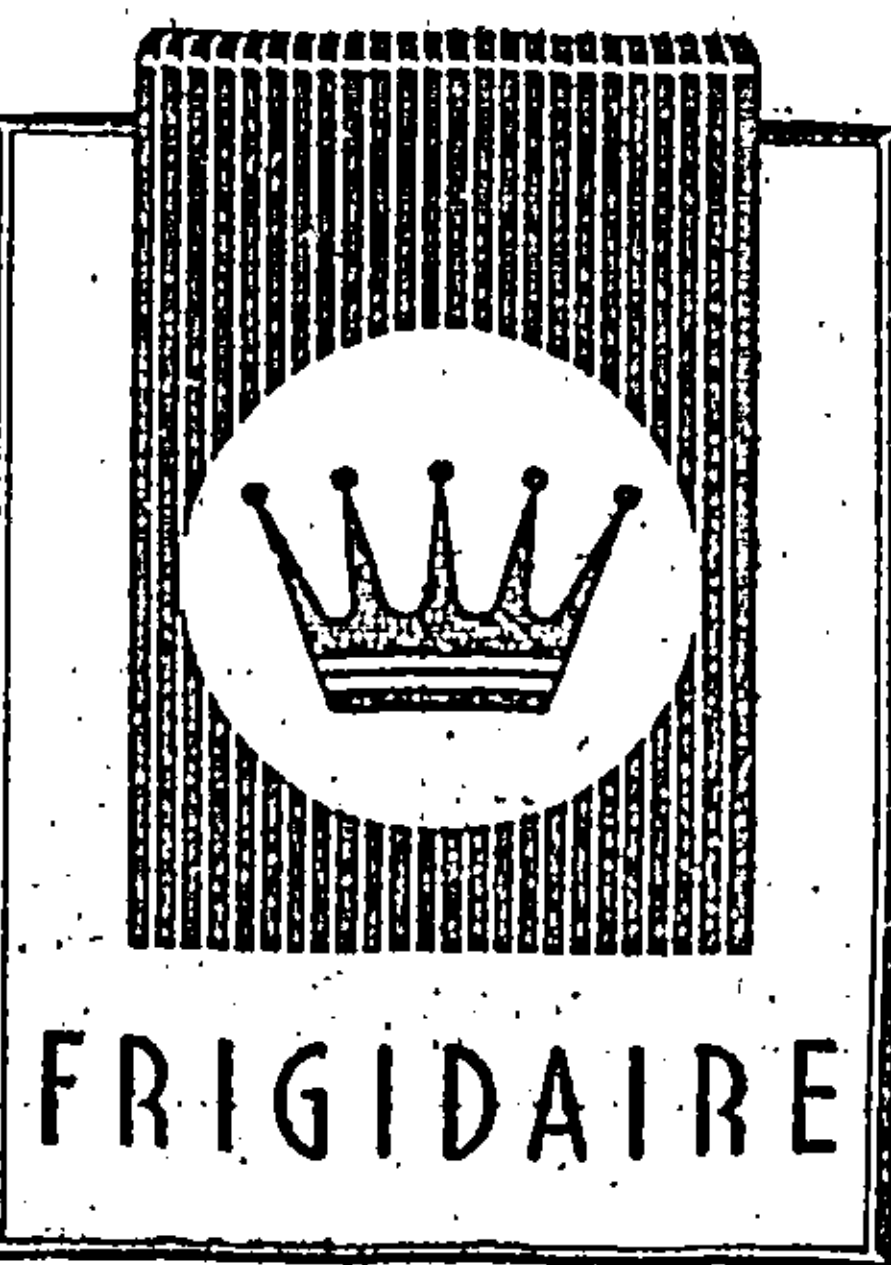
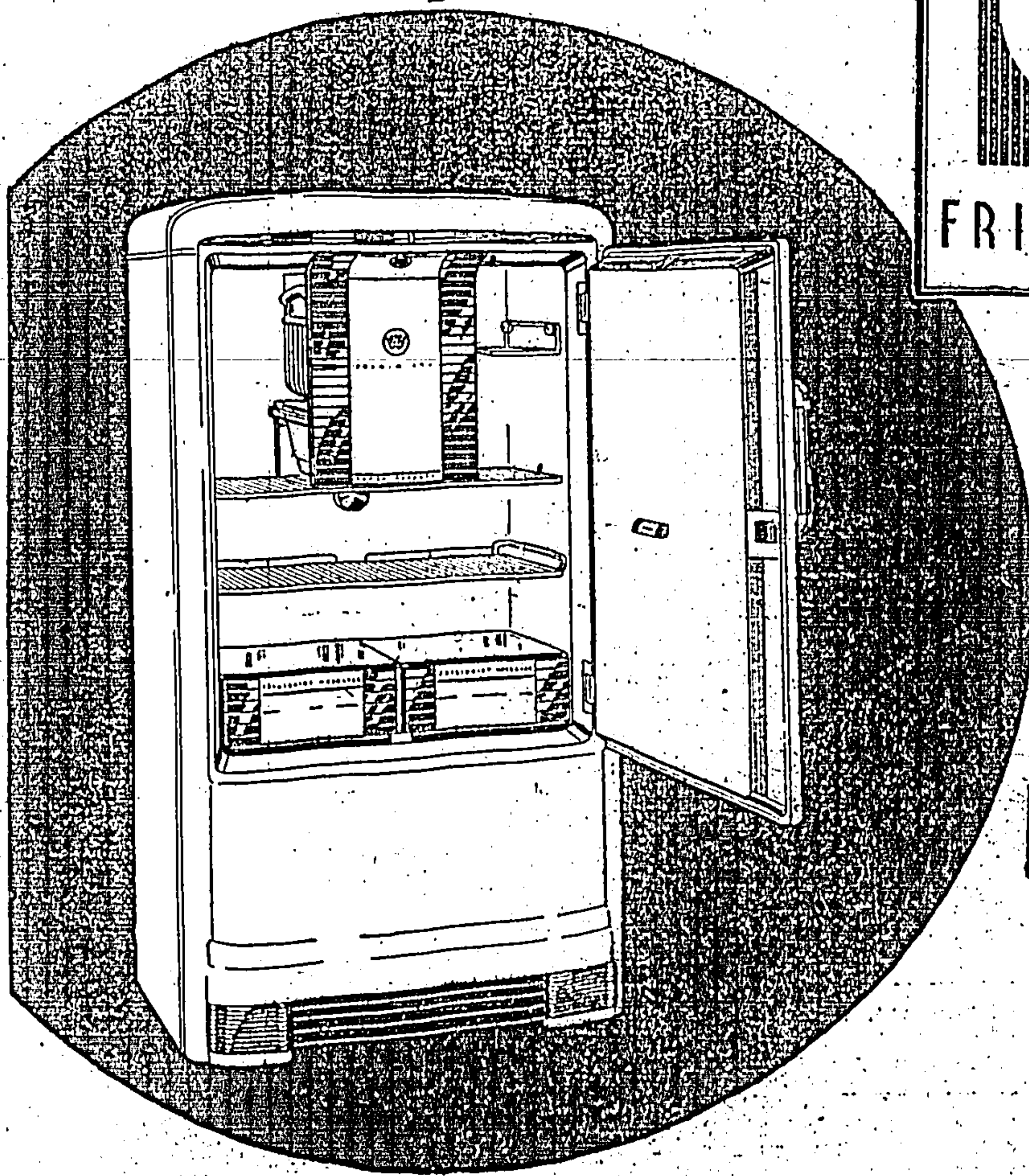
Amateurs and the visiting team had left-handed first-sackers. Ours was the famous Harry Kingman.

Well, sir, not far from first base was a large pool of water, about ten feet wide. A Shanghai batter hit a high foul fly which sailed into the ozone about 20 feet from the grandstand and in the direction of first base. The fork-handed visiting first baseman raced, that is, ran as fast as he could over the wet ground, for the ball. He slipped and fell smack into the pool of water, falling in a sitting position.

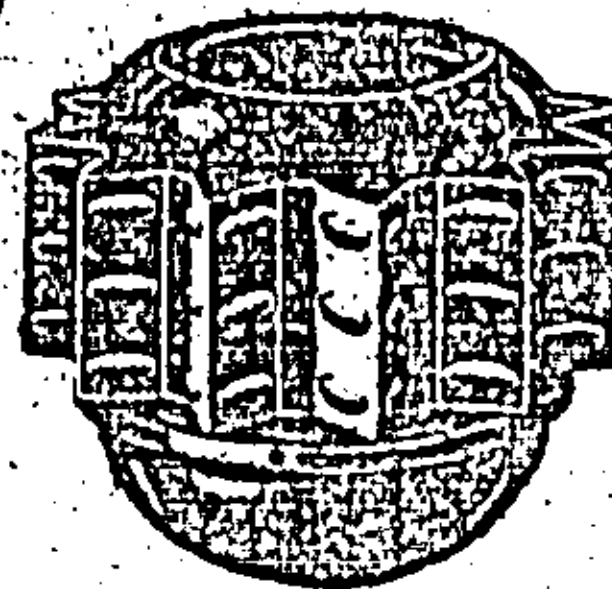
And, believe it or not, the ball obligingly dropped into his gloved hand. He retained it and the batter was out. Shanghai was leading by two runs at that time and we managed to hold the lead and win the game.

(H.P.M.'s note: Mr. Cal Hirsh is an ex-athlete of note, a true sports lover, a capable newspaperman and may, perhaps, be referred to as the Dean of local newspapermen, that is, newspapermen employed on local journals. He is a college man and in his younger days figured importantly in baseball, basketball, football, wrestling and some boxing, strictly amateur, of course.)

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ITALIAN SUBMARINE BASE BOMBED

An R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo states there was considerable activity on all fronts on Wednesday, many valuable reconnaissance flights being undertaken.

At Bardia, in Libya, shipping in the harbour and store buildings were attacked. One large building was demolished.

While carrying out reconnaissance work in the Tobruk area on Wednesday one of our flying boats was shot down. One of the crew was killed and the others, three of whom were wounded, were taken prisoner.

In Italian East Africa the submarine base at Massawa was raided by R.A.F. bombers on Wednesday and Thursday. Reports indicate that direct hits were registered on a naval vessel, the quay and a submarine. All our aircraft returned safely.

Enemy fighters approached Malta but turned away before our fighters could engage them.—British Wireless.

Major R. C. Giles, of No. 177, Boundary Street, has reported the theft of clothing from his residence, between 9.30 p.m. on August 7 and 7.30 a.m. yesterday. Apparently the Hungarian press

ACCORDING TO A Bucharest telegram to the official German news agency the Rumanian Government, through its ambassador in Budapest, has officially invited Hungary to enter into negotiations on matters in dispute between the two countries.

The despatch adds negotiations are to take place at a later date between representatives of the two countries.

Negotiations in regard to Bulgarian territorial claims against Rumania are expected to begin at Craiova in the next two days.

The Bulgarian delegates, headed by M. Popoff, the Foreign Minister, arrived in Bucharest yesterday morning and were entertained at luncheon by M. Gligur, the Rumanian Prime Minister.

Rumania will be represented in the negotiations by M. Manolescu, the Foreign Minister, and the Rumanian Ministers in Sofia and Belgrade.

It is understood that the preliminary discussions with Hungary which have been conducted in Budapest are finished. The Rumanian delegate, M. Bosny, was expected back in Bucharest last night.—Reuter.

Budapest Reserved

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") M. Raoul Bosny, Rumanian Minister in Rome, flew to Bucharest yesterday to discuss the transfer of Transylvania to Hungary.

Officials in Budapest are very reserved regarding the result of M. Bosny's conferences with Hungarian Government leaders but political quarters welcome the fact that Rumania has taken the first step "in the right direction."

has soft-pedalled its attacks on Rumania as regards the Transylvania question.

The Bulgarian delegation which is to negotiate with Rumania about the Dobrudja problem arrived in Bucharest yesterday. The negotiations will probably start to-day at Craiova.—Havas.

BICYCLE HIRING CASE DECISION

THE "EARLIER CLOSING ORDINANCE" DOES NOT APPLY TO BICYCLE HIRING SHOPS, AS THEY ARE NOT COVERED BY THE REGULATIONS, WAS THE DECISION OF MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN AT KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING WHEN HE DISMISSED A SUMMONS AGAINST THE MASTER OF A BICYCLE SHOP FOR CARRYING ON BUSINESS AFTER 8 P.M. ON JULY 11.

The summons was against Chan Yiu, master of Wai Cheong Bicycle Shop, of No. 105, Woon-sung Street.

Delivering judgment, Mr. Macfadyen said:—

"By Sec. 2, Ordinance No. 5 of 1940, 'Shop' includes any premises where any retail trade or business is carried on; but does not include clubs, hotels, public houses, restaurants, eating houses, tea rooms, or premises open for the sale only of medicines, aerated waters, sweets, chocolates, or other sugar confectionery or ice cream, tobacco or smokers' requisites; 'retail trade or business' includes the business of a barber or hair dresser, but does not include the sale of petrol or newspapers or the sale, or distribution of milk, or the sale of programmes or refreshments at theatres and places of amusement.

"It will be seen by this definition that all the exceptions in the first paragraph are of the nature of medicine or refreshments sold retail. By analogy with the jusdem generis rule I take it that 'retail trade or business' similarly means 'retail trade' or 'retail business,' that is something material must in each case be retailed.

"Consequently, just as in English Law there is no 'furtum usus' (as in Roman and Dutch Law) that is as when a car is used without the permission of the owner, so I cannot conceive of the retail of such a use, as in the hire of a bicycle for a certain time. Here the only thing for which a customer pays is the time for which the bicycle is hired.

"Even in the second paragraph of the deposition, where one specific kind of business is included in the Ordinance, and others are excluded, there is an element of retail since a barber sells hair lotions etc., retail, and petrol, newspapers etc. are all the retail.

"Finally, since the legislature has taken the trouble specifically to include one kind of business in the second paragraph which conceivably might not come under the first paragraph, and to exclude other businesses, one of which, the sale of petrol (presumably by a petrol station or garage) bears some relation to the hire of a bicycle, as both facilitate possibly urgent transportation during the prohibited hours, I am quite sure that if, out of all the different kinds of businesses not specifically retail businesses, the hiring of bicycles would have been specifically included if the legislature has so intended."

CHURCHILL STATEMENT ON THE WAR

A debate will take place in the House of Commons the week after next on the general conduct of the war, in the course of which Mr. Churchill will make a statement on the position.—Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS BY R.A.F.

An Air Ministry communique stated that on Wednesday R.A.F. bombers carried out daylight attacks on enemy-occupied aerodromes at Cherbourg and Hamstede, in Holland.

At night our bombers, though hampered again by poor weather, attacked the Homburg oil plant, the Kiel dockyards, store depots at Hamm and a number of aerodromes in North-West Germany. All our aircraft returned safely.

The Coastal Command reports the loss of one aircraft engaged in reconnaissance over the Norwegian coast on Wednesday.—Reuter.

NAZI WAR ON BRITISH SHIPPING

In authoritative circles in London yesterday it was stated the Germans have gloated that the German fleet and air arm have exceeded the successes against Great Britain achieved by the Imperial German Navy in 1917.

Actually, say these circles, this is far from the case. The Imperial German Navy in its peak period succeeded in sinking no less than 881,000 tons of shipping of all nations in the single month of April, 1917.

The Germans in the peak month this year—June—succeeded in sinking 377,360 tons of British, Allied and neutral shipping.

In July their combined efforts by submarine, speedboat and air and mine attack against British, Allied and neutral ships amounted to 310,249 tons.—Reuter.

FUEL SHORTAGE IN FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Aiming at off-setting the shortage of fuel, France is relying upon the restoration and development of her hydro-electric industry. As a result of energetic measures the French electric power system is speedily returning to normal, reaching between 50 and 75 per cent of normal output. The State programme for the development of hydro-electric plants is also progressing satisfactorily although in many instances it is hindered by the transport of raw materials.—Havas.

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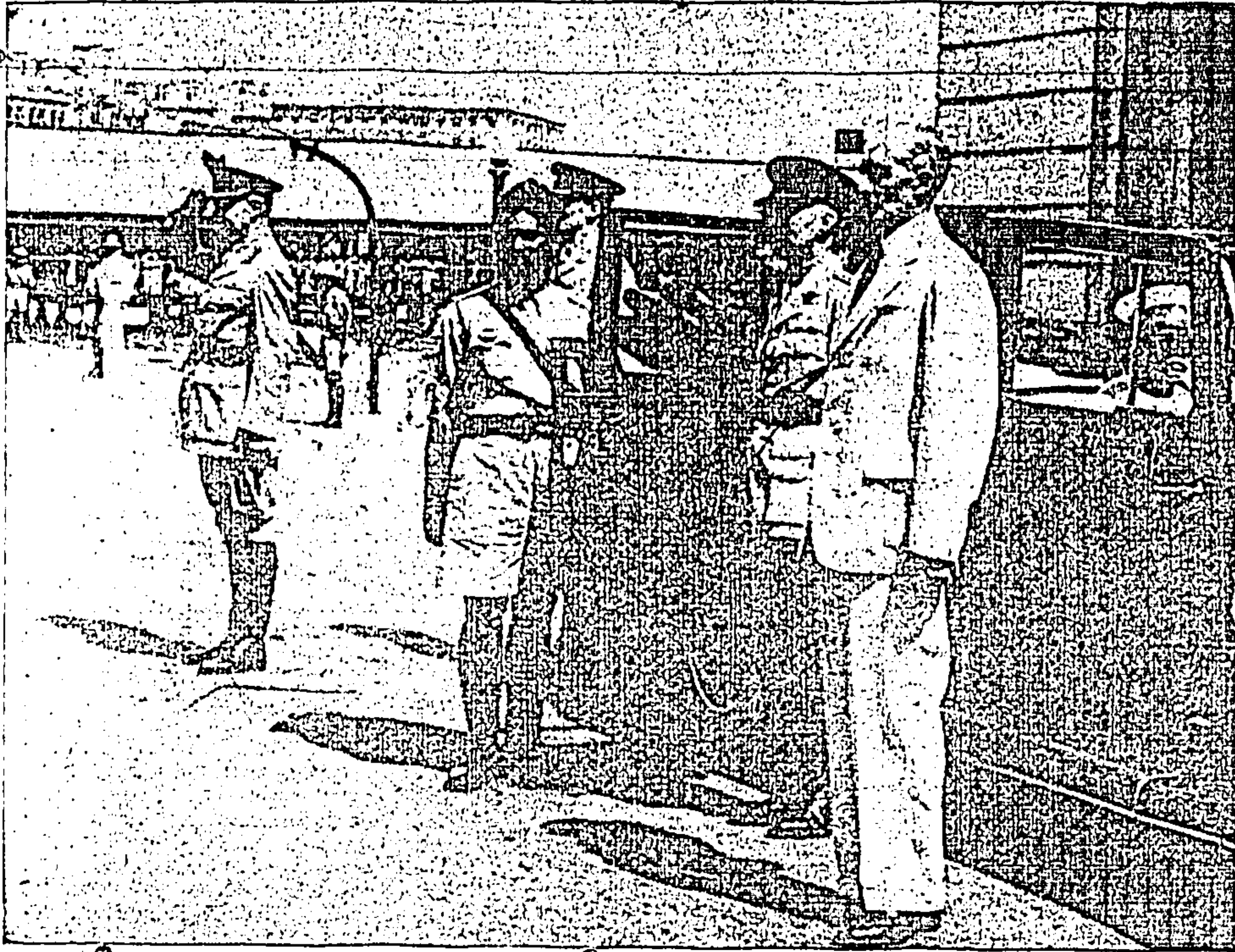
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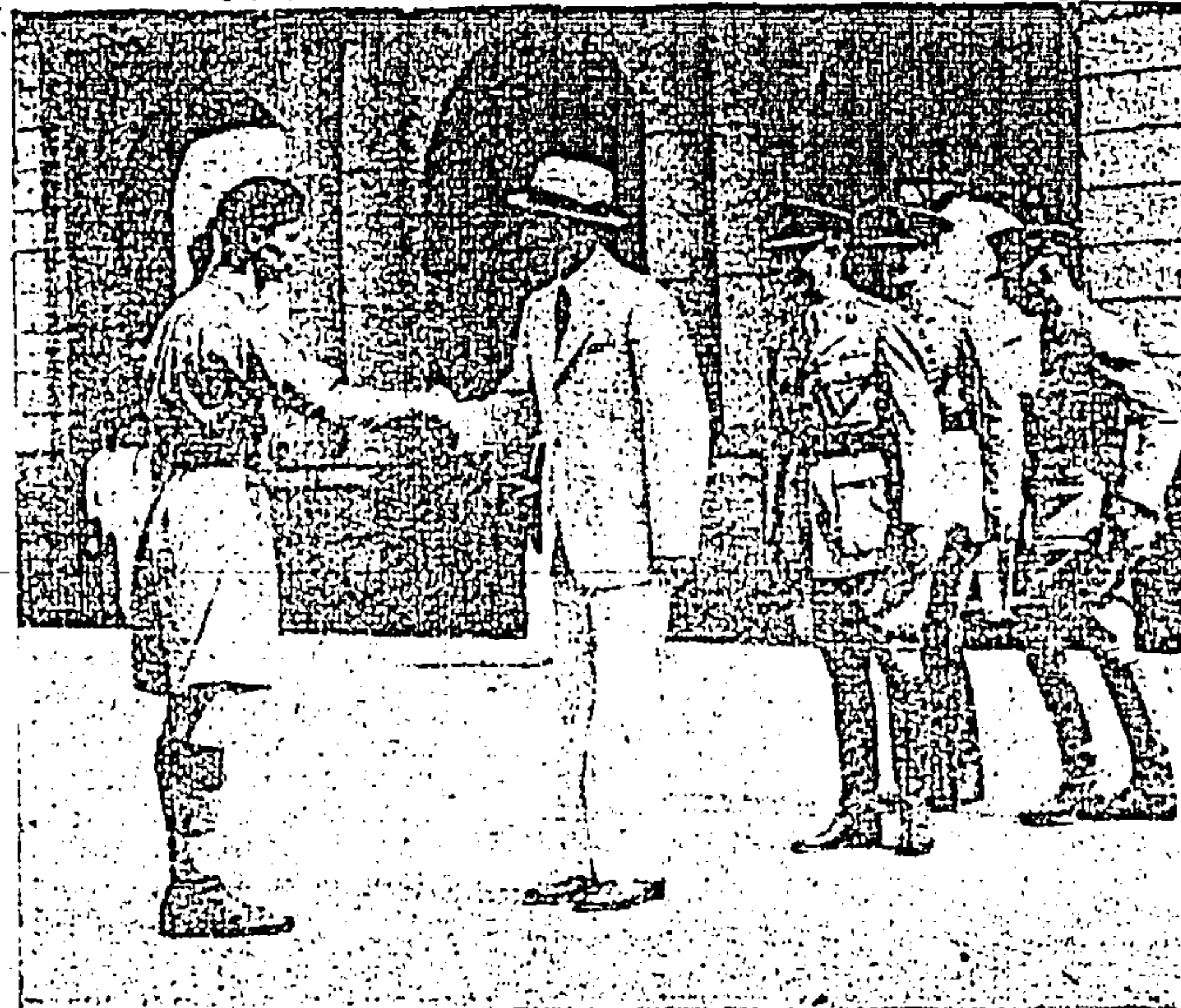
The New Governor's Arrival



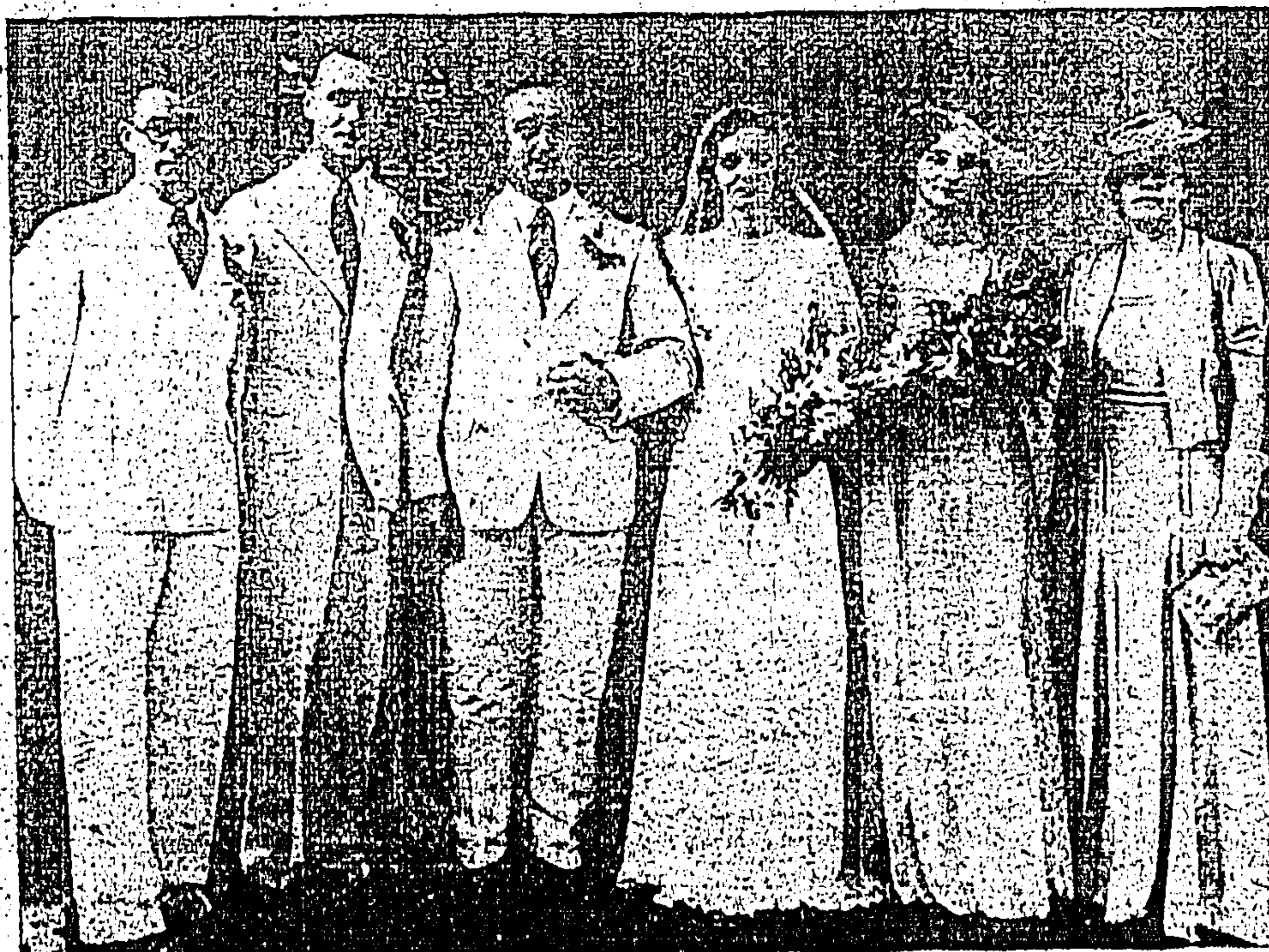
Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, Hong Kong's new Acting Governor, arrived in the Colony on Tuesday. He is seen here beside his car, with Captain Batty-Smith, aide-de-camp, beside him, while on the left is the G.O.C., Major-General A. E. Grasett.



Lieut.-Gen. Norton, snapped just after he reviewed the Guard of Honour drawn up opposite Queen's Pier.



(Left)—Lieut.-Gen. Norton shakes hands with the Officer in Command of the Guard of Honour. Major-General Grasett is seen, beaming broadly, just behind him.



Taken at St. John's Cathedral last Saturday, this picture shows the wedding group at the marriage of Mr. Norman Gunning and Miss Agnes Margaret Mackie.

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SHORT STORY

YOU HAVE 'EM AT HOME

By Richard Anthony

CANNON, veteran newspaperman, emerged from the private offices of the owners of the Norchester "Courier," with a slight smile on his face. He had just been appointed editor, although he had served but a few months with this flourishing daily newspaper.

Smaile, the former holder of the post, had been offered a position as leader-writer on one of the more sedate London dailies, and Cannon, who had been officiating as chief sub-editor of the "Courier," had attracted the attention of the owners by virtue of his wide knowledge both of people and of events. So they had allowed Smaile to depart without the usual notice, and Cannon was to step into the editorship that very evening.

He strolled into the large news-room where a boyish-looking young fellow was sitting on a dilapidated, ink-stained table, swinging his legs and smoking a large pipe.

"Hello, Francis," said Cannon. "Regard your new boss. And to think that, six months ago, I was sitting on the beach in two senses of the word in Shanghai. Such is fate, such is the way of newspapers."

"Do you mean to say Smaile is going?" "He's gone!"

The new editor, a tallish, alert middle-aged man with a youthful smile and a very quick eye, patted Francis Cliffe on the shoulder. "I've got a new job for you, me lad. You're going up one, so to speak, but if you let me down, I'll break your execrable neck. To-

morrow, you'll take over the new feature page we are developing. You'll deal with features, and you'll have to provide some local ideas as well as choosing stuff from outside contributors and the agencies. But we'll talk about that later. Here, I have a note about you from Wright of the Crazy Cat. They've a special show on there to-night and he wants you to turn up, dinner jacket if possible. He's a stout fellow, Wright. Old pal of mine, but that's between ourselves. You're on the early turn, so you'll be able to get away in time to change."

"Thanks awfully, Cannon. I'm jolly glad you've got the job. Not just because you've given me the features department, but because you're one of us. Mr. Smaile was always a little bit above us common news-hounds."

"Undigested education, my dear fellow. Terrible things a University training can do to an otherwise perfectly nice fellow. Anyway, he thought very nicely of you, and I had no difficulty in getting the directors to see my way. We are going 'modern,' you know, live fiction, illustrations and all that. Wheeler is leaving and I'm putting Bradley in his place."

"That's good, Bradley is a bright lad and he can write." "I know he can, but he can also get news. That's why I'm making him chief reporter. Many men can write, but few can get news even in these days of cheap publicity. Now run along and give Wright my love and tell him not to give you too much to drink. If you young

newspapermen would drink less, you would be far better."

Francis flushed. He had an almost girlish complexion and looked absurdly young even for his two-and-twenty years. "You've never seen me tight," Cannon. I just have an occasional round with the boys."

"I know, I know. I should be the last one to talk, but you see I am giving you the benefit of my experience. It cost me a lot, the dickens of a lot to learn."

That night, Francis Cliffe, duly arrayed in dinner jacket and trimmings, sat at a special table near the stage of the Crazy Cat Road House, owned by Denis Wright, that tall, dark, imperturbable fellow who had mystified the good people of Norchester. He had built up a place where you could get good fun at a reasonable price. His shows were clean and he would not tolerate any "rough stuff." His second-in-command, Nolan, formerly of the Royal Navy, had a way of dealing with disturbers of the peace which was swift and efficient. Wright himself could also handle any trouble-maker.

The proprietor and manager of the Crazy Cat moved with the ease and grace of a trained athlete. He looked perfectly fit. He was of that dark type which you find in parts of England, but which is quite distinct from the Latin. Clean-shaven, white-toothed and humorously courteous, the ladies of Norchester adored him, but he never went beyond his usual courtesies, although many a fair maid would have thrown her bonnet over the mill for him.

The Crazy Cat attracted not only the good citizens, their wives and families of Norchester, but a large number of motorists from other places. The fame of the place had even spread to London, and frequently merry parties motored up from the metropolis to praise the good cooking, excellent cellar, and amusing shows which were to be found at the Crazy Cat.

Like Cannon, Wright had adventured in many lands, but his past life was as a sealed book. It was obvious that he knew the world and had been used to the good things thereof. He wore evening clothes with a grace that cannot be learnt, and his staff worshipped him, for he never raised his voice or even gave a brusque order. Moreover he treated them generously.

Francis had arrived early, and Wright made him have dinner and sat at his table talking about many things.

Somehow the conversation reached the topic of gangsters; owing, no doubt, to some atrocity which had been reported that day from New York.

"I wish I had a chance to go there," said Francis. "I'd like to see these gangster fellows and really delve into their lives, get the right angle on them."

"You have 'em at home," said Wright. "They do not use guns and you must not shoot them, more's the pity. The gangster is the same all over the world. Cruel and cowardly, worse than a wolf. But you must excuse me. There's a bunch just arriving from Town, and there's my old friend, Jerry McCoy. He may be going to give me a hand with the shows here. I've a new number to-night and you'll probably fall in love with her. If I was not immune, I would. She's the sweetest little thing imaginable, but I must run."

The new number was everything that Wright had said about her and then some. Not too tall, not too short, delightfully blonde and fresh-looking, unsophisticated too, not in the "innocent-baby" style of a certain type of gold-digger, but really and truly worldly. And she had a delightful voice and stage manner. Francis, in spite of a certain feeling that as a journalist he should not betray any emotion publicly, clapped till his hands were sore.

When she came down from the stage, she walked over to the table where the young reporter was sitting and where Wright had joined him once again.

Before she could reach them, a man sitting at a table adjacent to that of Francis's, reached out and caught her by the arm.

"Baby, come to Uncle," said this important being. The girl opened her eyes a little wider than they were naturally. "Do you mind, please? I am just off to have some supper."

"Stay here," said the uncouth person who revealed himself as a large, powerfully-built individual with a loose mouth and cruel eyes. He was dressed rather too well. His two companions, who were

guffawing at his clownish manoeuvres, were of the same type, but not quite so big. One of them was a middle-aged man with a grayish moustache which hung down at the ends.

The little blonde struggled, and her persecutor began to lose his temper. "Hey, you stop, that," he said, and grabbed her with his other hand. He gripped her so hard that he hurt her considerably and she kicked out, catching him on the knee.

"You little . . ." said the big man, now in a blaze of temper. Francis jumped to his feet, but Wright pushed him back into his chair so hard that the lad almost fell over backwards.

"This is my war, laddie," said Wright and he said, that is the exact word, right up to the table where his entertainer was being held by the big fellow.

He struck with the edge of his hand on the man's right wrist and the persecutor of innocent damsels, let go his grip with a sound almost like a howl.

The girl wrenched herself away, and Wright pulled the man out of his chair, seizing him by the lapel of his coat to do so.

"Now, Mr. 'Red' Calter, you're for it," said Wright, white with anger. He drew back to give the other man something of a chance, then he hit, so fast you could not see the punch. Calter crashed back over his chair, upsetting the table and subsiding into an unconscious mass.

His two allies disentangled themselves from the table and rushed at Wright, who side-stepped one of them and knocked him flying. The third man was caught from behind by Nolan in a grip to which that of a grizzly bear would have been a mere love-hug.

"Out with 'em, Nolan," ordered Wright, a rasp of anger in his voice.

Two stalwart waiters came up to aid the assistant-manager and the three trouble-makers were flung into outer darkness.

Wright jumped onto the stage, and lifted his arm to command attention.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he said. "We have just had a little spot of trouble, but it is all over. Please think no more about it. I do not wish the matter to be bruited abroad, as I want to keep the reputation of this place clean. We have never had anything like this before and I hope we'll never have it again."

The audience clapped him and the waiters began to clear the floor for dancing.

But when Wright sat down at his table, his face was grave. He told Francis in a low voice, "I hope there will be no more trouble, but I know that there will be. That hound I hit is 'Red' Calter. He comes from this neighbourhood and he is a damned bad lot. Ah, here comes Jerry McCoy!" He introduced a neatly-built, well-clad, merry-eyed youngish man to the reporter and said, "I want you two to come into my office." He sent a waiter for Nolan, and the three made their way to the private office, which was situated on the second floor, just back of a balcony that overhung the large dining and dancing room.

Without wasting any time, Wright said, "In case of my being ill or absent, I want you, Jerry, to take over management of this place. Nolan will be your assistant. He knows all about catering. I have a power of attorney all ready for you. Please sign this as a witness, Francis. Jerry, you will handle all moneys that are taken here and carry on in the usual way, paying the salaries, including your own. There is trouble coming for me. I know it. I always know it. Do you remember that night when I told you we were going into danger?" Jerry nodded very soberly. "I do. There are times when you are uncanny, Denis."

Early next morning, Denis Wright was found unconscious outside the Crazy Cat. He had been stabbed in the back, and the knife was still in the wound, which may have been a good thing.

"Have you noticed the extraordinary increase of crime in our fair city, Boss?" asked Francis of his editor a few days after the attempted murder of Denis Wright.

He went on, "I do not wish to appear too sensational, but I think we really should do something about it. Roach, the chief of police here, is an old fool. He's due to resign this week anyhow, and I hear they are appointing a smart laddo from the Yard. He

is a Norchester boy, so the locals cannot complain.

"Major O'Mara of the County Constabulary is as stupid as Roach, worse if anything, for he knows nothing about police work and is too old and too darned pig-headed to learn. What do you say, Boss?"

"Go to it, my ancient, splash it on the page. Use diagrams to show the increase in crime and do not spare your adjectives. I'll have Cartwright, our tame lawyer, 'vet' your copy in case of libellous accidents. By Jove, yes, I'll put the cartoonist on to it."

And next day, there appeared an article with diagrams that astonished the sedate citizens of Norchester and infuriated the local and county police authorities. But the rank and file of the police highly approved of it. On the opposite page, the staff cartoonist of the "Courier" had done his best . . . and worst.

Letters of congratulation came pouring in, but the reporters of the "Courier" who were on police work received no official assistance. Orders had gone out from 'Higher up' that they were not to be granted those unofficial privileges that make a reporter's work so much more easy when he is confronted with officialdom.

"Carry on the attack," was Cannon's laconic order. Within seven days, the new chief of the city police took over the control. He was a quiet, young-looking man with very obtrusive grey eyes. He had joined the police instead of going to a University when his family had been caught in the financial tidal wave that swept parts of England in the nineteen-twenties. He had been transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department and then had done a special course at the Police College. He was, as a matter of fact, the youngest detective-inspector of the C.I.D., but had welcomed the prospect of control in Norchester, where he had been born and raised, and where he proposed to bring about certain reforms. He had had his eyes on the crime-wave which had broken out in that city before he actually left the Yard.

It was that same day that Denis Wright sent for Francis, who had been telephoning the hospital regularly for news of his friend, and who had left fruit and flowers for him when the wounded man had recovered consciousness.

By Wright's bedside, Francis saw one of the most beautiful women he had ever seen; a direct contrast in pulchritude to Evelyn Summers, the pretty blonde entertainer with whom the young newspaperman was now fast friends.

The woman Francis now beheld was tall, dressed in very stylish black, relieved here and there with points of white lace. She wore one magnificent diamond ring. She was dark and of delicate white complexion, a white indicative usually of excellent health.

She turned to the youth with a most charming smile and said, in excellent English, "So this is the young gentleman. I am so pleased to see you. Denis has told me much about you. Come and sit down."

Francis felt absurdly self-conscious, but Denis put him at his ease. "You need not be shy, old lad. This beautiful lady, whom I see that you worship already, is my wife. I know you can't imagine why she picked me, but she did. I've never got over wondering at it myself."

Then Francis recognised who Mrs. Denis Wright was. What a fool he had been not to recognise her before. She was Valerie Sanz, the most famous actress in France!

Denis was recovering rapidly, though it had been touch and go, and he was allowed to have visitors and talk to them. In fact the specialist who had attended him said it did the man good, as it kept his mind active.

It was while they were having tea, that Valerie Sanz told Francis that Denis had married her in Paris where afterwards he lost most of his money. He packed up and returned to England, rather than be dependant on his wife. His lawyers saved him something from the wreck, and he had opened the Crazy Cat.

"He is crazy, himself," said Valerie, "I have oceans of money. I am a clever business woman. Just think, I never should have known that he was lying here helpless. If the good Nolan had not telegraphed me, I flew from Venice where I was playing in opera-comique."

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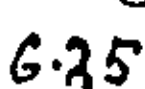
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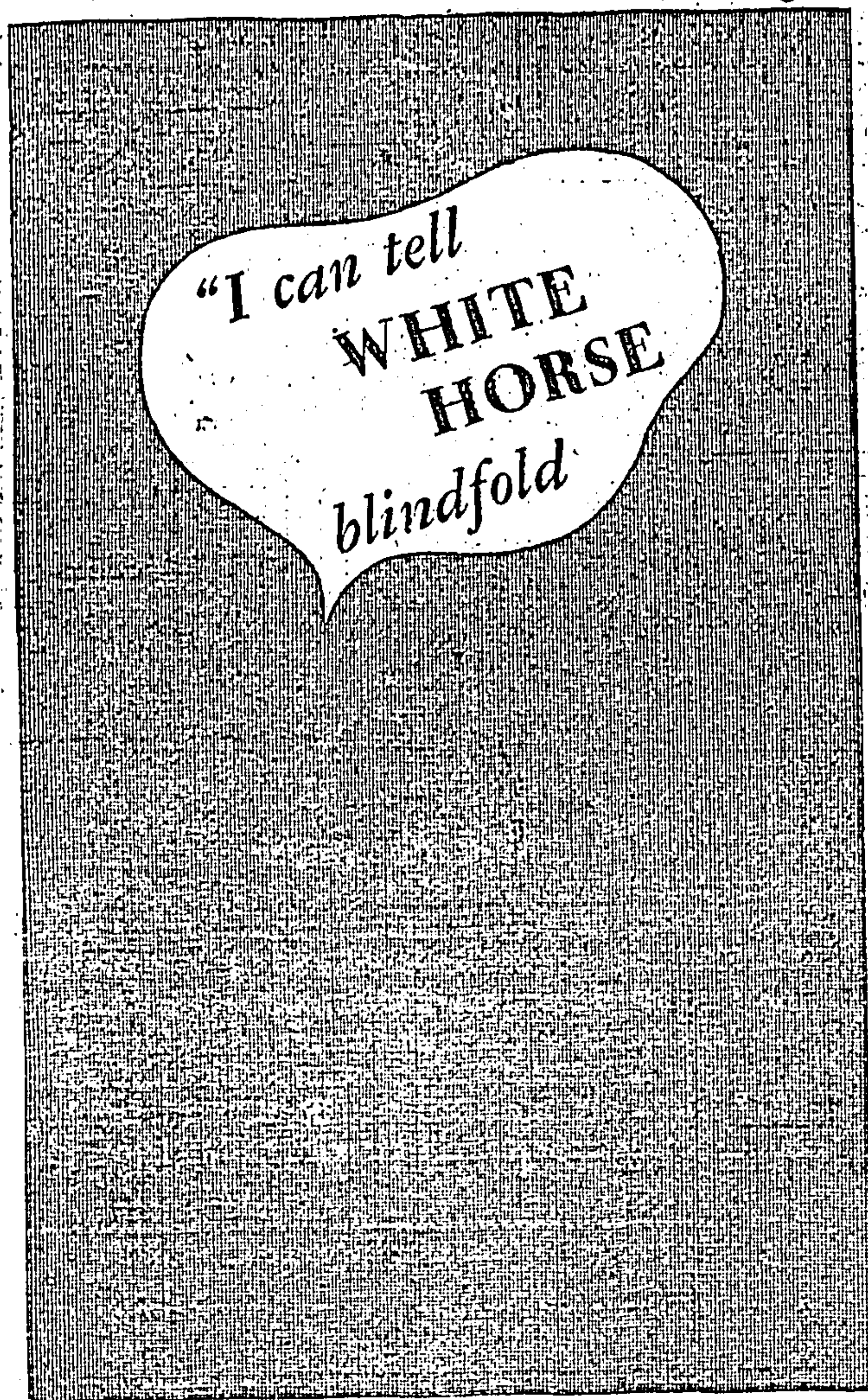


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(for Valerie could sing as well as act) "and here I am."

"I'll forgive that old scoundrel this time," growl Wright. The nurse looked in. "I am afraid your visitors will have to leave you. It is later than I thought."

Valerie asked Francis to dinner at her hotel and swore him to secrecy. "Just you wait and I will give you a very good story."

Meanwhile the new chief of police had been getting busy. He had had a long talk with Wright and had taken a deposition from Francis, whom he called up to headquarters one afternoon to verify one or two points.

"Undoubtedly Calter or one of his men whivvied Wright. Here is the reason," said the Chief Constable of the City Police. "Some years ago, a Major Mathers who had been on a military mission to the Balkans was found murdered in his chambers off Piccadilly. There were no clues. The motive was robbery, as far as we could judge, for a large sum of money which Mathers had drawn earlier that day was missing. Captain Denis Wright was then working on Military Intelligence in London, and the War Office asked him to make an independent investigation, which he did. He strongly suspected the porter of the chambers to have been an accomplice to the crime but we did not agree. Anyway, Wright found finger-prints we had unaccountably missed. Oh yes, even the Yard is not infallible."

"Now, Wright recognised one of the three who caused that disturbance in the Crazy Cat as the former porter of the Piccadilly Chambers, who had thrown up his job and disappeared shortly after the murder. He is of the

opinion that the fingerprints on the scene of the crime which did not correspond with those of any of the known habitués of the place, are those of 'Red' Calter, who has long been known to the police of several countries but who has never been actually convicted of any crime. Calter inherited the Old Farm from his father, a surly old brute of a man whom I knew well. He has money of his own, and the suggestion has been made that he finances a gang as well as leading it.

"Fortunately, Major O'Mara of the County Constabulary is going on long leave, and Superintendent Ross, whom I know well, is taking over. He has promised me full collaboration. I want you newspaper chaps to help me, which you can do in many ways. We have got to stamp out this gang business in Norchester. Seven complaints of robbery with violence yesterday! I don't want to ask for help from the Yard. It looks as if I can hold this job down myself."

"We'll do our utmost," promised Francis.

That night he was walking home with Cannon, who had stayed later than usual at the office to see the first edition to bed. Francis himself had been knocking off arrears of work, and the two newspapermen cut through the lower quarters of the town on their way to Rosedale where they both lived, a pleasant little suburb of Norchester. There were no trolley buses running, nor was there a taxi to be seen. It was a fine early morning, so they did not trouble to ring up the station for a car, but had decided to walk.

They were cutting through Dean's Passage, where a historic

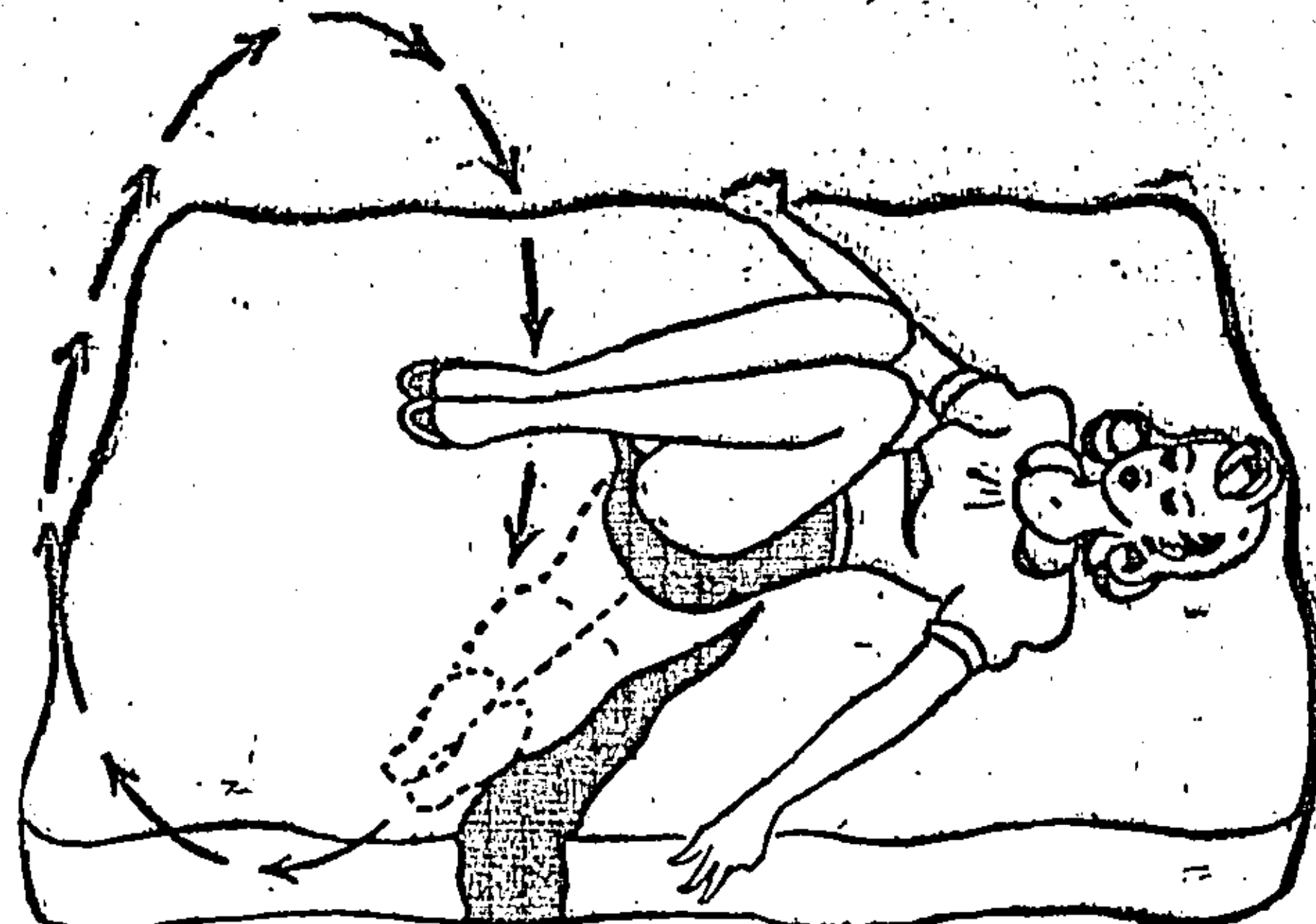
A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Waist Dwindlers

The modern "form divine" seems to accent the slim waist, uplifted busts and softly curved hips. Don't, however, get the impression that your hips can be rolling, and still be fashionable. They are more curved than the boyish hips of the past few years, but softly so. It is just as important to keep bumping off surplus poundage about the hips as it is to twist off a few inches from your waist! So consequently dual-purpose exercises which take care of both measurements are extremely popular.

TRY THESE

An old faithful is a bit difficult to master but it does what you want it to do. Lie flat on a hard mattress or sturdy bench, the sides of which you hold onto. Bend your knees up to your chest and then, keeping your legs together, push them out to the left, down and around to your right in a complete circle as illustrated.



Try the above exercise to make the hips and waist slimmer. It's a bit difficult to master but the results are worth the effort.

Do not rest them at any time. Keep them circling until they tire. Relax and then push them in opposite direction.

If you do this every single day for three weeks I'll wager your waist and hips will be slimmer! Do it to music rhythmically—not jerkily. Feel your waist twisting as your feet and legs circle.

ANOTHER HONEY

Commonly known as the "scissors," this exercise is hard to beat if you are serious in working down hip and abdomen inches.

Lie on the floor on the left side with the left arm stretched under the head in line with the body. It is a good idea to lie on a mat or mattress put on the floor, so you may hold onto the top of it with your left hand.

Brace yourself with your right hand on the floor in front of you to help keep your balance. The top leg is back, the bottom leg is forward. Lift both legs off the floor. With a "One-Two" movement move the legs back and forth as in fast walking. That is to say, when one leg is swinging backward the other is swinging forward and vice versa.

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Stand with your feet eighteen inches apart, hands on your hips. Bend forward, swing to the right, swing slightly backward, then to the left and return forward. Do this in a complete circle to a "one-two-three-four" count and continue until you feel dizzy. Relax, and then circle in the opposite direction swinging toward the left after bending forward.

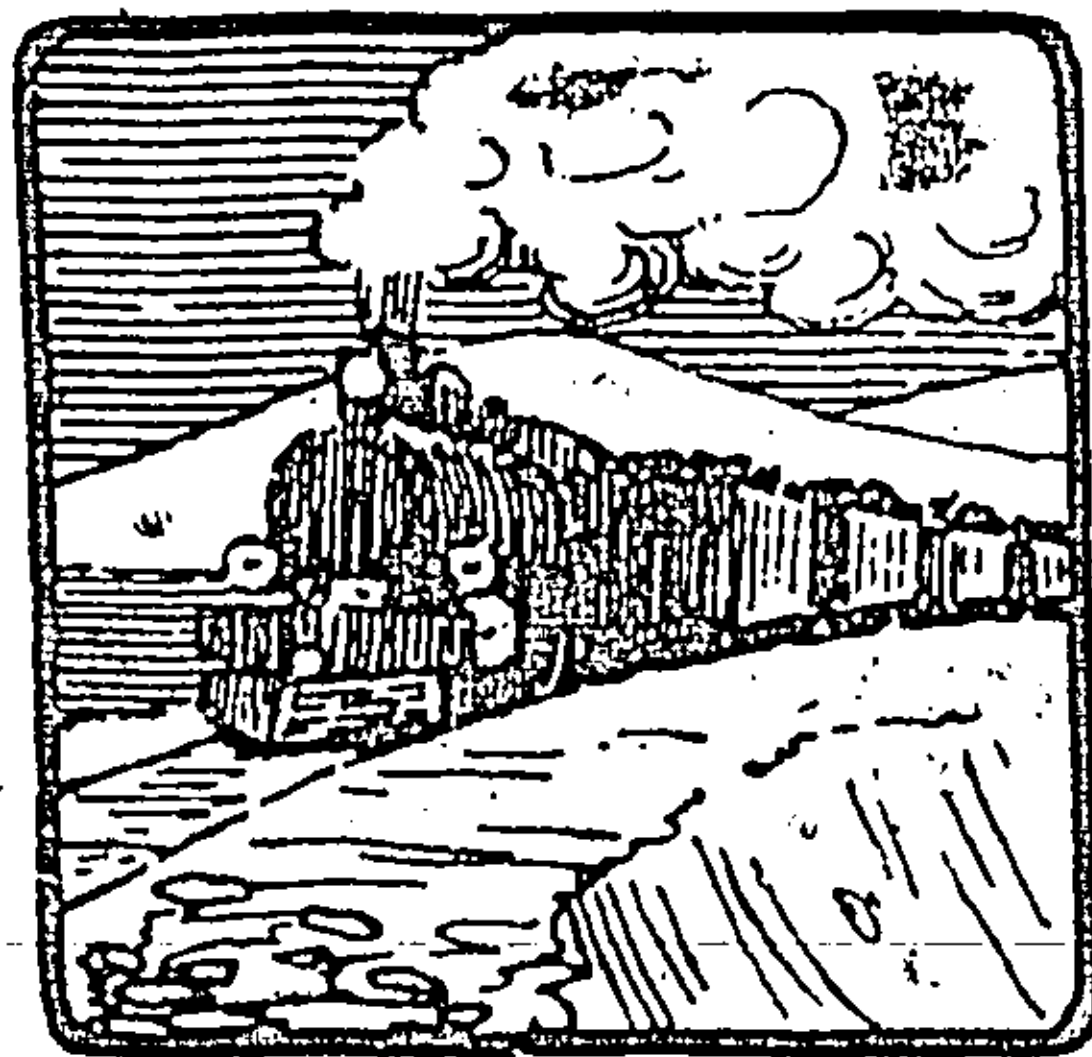
This, my dears, is not only excellent for firming your abdomen muscles and thus reducing your waistline, but it also stirs your colon to more alert action which corrects constipation.

THREE EACH DAY

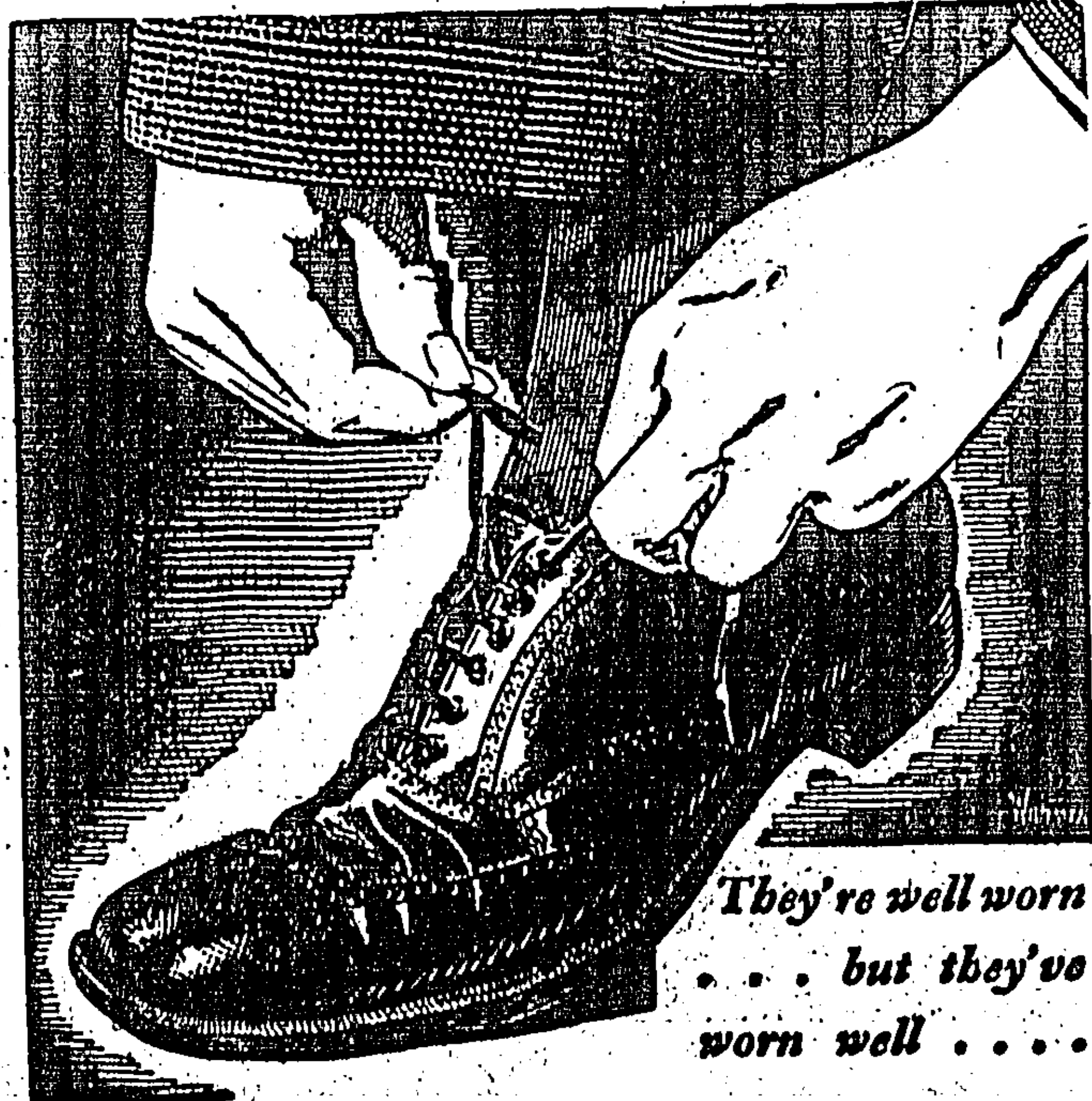
Go through these three movements each day taking at least fifteen or twenty minutes, and you will notice an appreciable difference in your measurements in two weeks, providing you do not satisfy the appetite you might work up while exercising! Drink water or chew a raw carrot if you find yourself hungry between meals.

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murder had been perpetrated when they saw two men going through the pockets of a third who was lying motionless on the ground.

"At 'em!" growled Cannon, who sprang like a greyhound at the group. Francis tackled one of the men and managed to hold his own, though far slier. Cannon had put the other man out and was coming to the rescue when several other night-birds appeared from the other end of the passage. "Get 'em, boys," came a low shout, and Francis found himself being beaten and kicked from all sides; then another shout, "Come on, lads. They're ganging the Old Man," and a husky bunch of machine minders from the "Courier" swept into the fray.

Francis found himself confronted by only one assailant. Dizzy though he was, the lad managed to smash in a savage right to the jaw that knocked the other fellow down and entirely out.

It was the first time in his young life that Francis had ever done this. He had boxed, but never had a hard punch. A thrill of pride went through him especially when old Hawkins, the dean of the chapel of the "Courier" patted him on the back, and said in his North Country accent, "Bah goom, but tha's caanst fight, lad!"

Then Cannon came up, a grin of battle on his face. Just then Francis went clean down and remembered no more till he awoke in police headquarters and found a doctor plastering him up. The editor was standing by the couch, and he smiled on the youngster. "I always knew you had pluck, but I never knew you packed a punch. That was a sweet wallop you hung on to that hoodlum. The police will probably give you a medal or something. They've wanted that bozo for years. We have got five of Red Calter's mob, including the exporter, who was nabbed as he was scrambling into the get-away car. We've recovered quite a lot of loot. You had better take a couple of days off, laddie."

Then he explained that the unconscious man they saw being robbed was one of the lino operators who had had a big win on the races and was taking the money home with him. A newsboy who sold papers right by the entrance of the "Courier" had tipped the "Courier" machine-room and printing staff of the fact that there was going to be dirty work at the cross-roads, to use his expression. "The 'ahnd are aht," so instead of waiting to clean up, they had streamed out, knowing that their editor and Francis Cliffe were cutting through dark streets, as well as the wealthy linotype operator.

Later that morning, Francis appeared at his office, a bit the worse for wear perhaps, for he had received a vicious cut on the head, but quite clear-minded.

"I'm glad you've shown up," said Cannon. "The police are raiding the Old Farm to-night, both City and County forces combining. They have promised us a front seat and will we have a story!"

"But there'll be shooting. I knew Red Calter out East. He was a bad fellow then. At least two murders attributed to him."

The local police had gone about their operations in a most thorough manner. The Old Farm was surrounded, silently but tho-

roughly. The City Chief and Superintendent Ross had armed some picked men with shot-guns and revolvers. Their scouts had reported that several men had entered the Farm that evening and had not left.

It was midnight. Suddenly two searchlights from hidden cars were trained on the front door of the massive Old Farm.

"I have a warrant for your arrest, Calter, you had better come quietly," shouted out Superintendent Ross. It was his territory and he was the chief ranking officer in it.

Searchlights were also trained on the back door and it was from there that the first shots were fired.

A fusillade broke out, then the police threw gas grenades and the firing died down. From a hidden door a powerful car emerged and dashed for the main road, but here a barrier had been erected and the car hit this before it had had time to get up real speed.

The alert young chief of the City Force sprang to it, followed by two of his plainclothes men. In a jiffy they had handcuffed the occupants.

"We have got Red Calter," said the police chief. "Now you chaps get back to town and write your story. Scotland Yard has nothing on us."

And what a wov of a story it was! What Cannon and Francis did specials for two of the leading London "elephant circulation" papers and retired at dawn, well pleased with their efforts.

To follow on that, Francis was allowed to release the story of Denis Wright's romantic marriage to Valerie Sanz in Paris, also the fact that she would sing at the Crazy Cat that night. More specials for the London evenings, but this time Cannon told the staff to split up the lineage among themselves, so Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham all received the news.

What a night at the Crazy Cat! Denis Wright, a little pale, but as handsome as ever, led on his beautiful wife, who sang to a hall that was so packed you could not move to get a drink. Francis sat with Evelyn, who was also wildly applauded when she did her stuff, and Cannon, wise and not cynical, smiled happily, as he saw them,

"It's not such a bad world," he said to himself and took another drink, for this wise old newspaperman knew how to pick strategic and tactical points and had endorsed himself in a place where the crowd was not oppressive. What a night! I think the county constabulary did not enforce the law as to closing time. I am sure they did not.

Red Calter was found guilty of the murder of Major Mathers. The exporter was found guilty as an accomplice and confessed, but that did not save him from the ultimate penalty for murder, which was carried out on both himself and his leader.

There have been no more mobs or gangs in Norchester since then. Denis Wright has gone to London but still retains his interest in the Crazy Cat, where he appears from time to time and which is now managed by genial Jerry McCoy.

Cannon tells me, ruefully enough, that he is economising in order to buy Francis and Evelyn a really useful wedding present.

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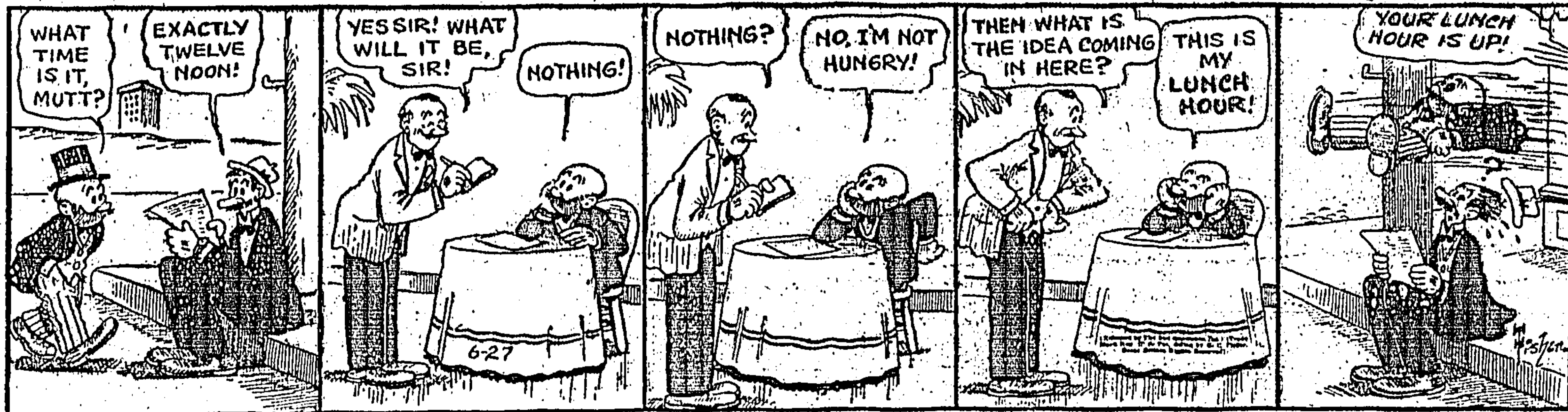
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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



An Evening With the Taxi-Girls

By W. J. MAKIN

BEING Singapore, perhaps she ought to have descended from a rickshaw. Instead she descended from a shining limousine, and with a slim leg cunningly displayed by a slit white-silk skirt, left me entranced at her beauty.

She was Chinese. The daughter of a mandarin, I was prepared to swear. With her almond face and the flirtatious oblique eyes, there was the suggestion of the Forbidden City of Peking in her exquisite aloofness. I cursed the huge, uniformed Sikh who, opening the door of the limousine, momentarily obliterated the vision.

She materialised again, lifting her face towards the verandah of Raffles Hotel. A subtle smile twitched her lips as she glimpsed the man who was waiting for her. I turned. He was a big figure in spotless white evening-dress. A swarthy face and black hair emphasised the half-caste.

"An unusual couple," nodded my friend. "But among the wealthiest in Singapore."

"Married?"

"Oh, yes," he nodded. "We are all very correct in Singapore nowadays."

"Who is the girl?"

"Called herself Sing Lee. She came to Singapore with a tied-up

bundle and hired herself out as a domestic servant."

"She seems to have prospered."

"She didn't, until one evening by chance the fellow over there—his half Dutch, half Javanese—persuaded her to go into a dance hall with him. She was too stunned to refuse. They entered a cheap place where most of the coloured population of Singapore enjoyed themselves. The evening nearly ended with a free fight."

"Why?"

"Because the half-caste found that Sing Lee was not only a superb natural dancer, but attracted every bold partner within the vicinity. The fellows crowded round her like a honey-pot. The half-caste had difficulty in getting her out of the place. They got into a rickshaw and quarrelled bitterly."

"A good beginning to marriage," I nodded.

"But out of that quarrel was born an idea. The half-caste was sensible enough to realise that the attractive Sing Lee was only one of a thousand similar Chinese girls hidden away in the quarter of Singapore. He decided that some of those thousand girls could equally be persuaded like Sing Lee to come out and dance in the evening. He even hired a hall for them. Sing Lee selected the girls. Soon, the dance hall was not only attracting the coloured population of Singapore, but also a few lonely planters with money and time on their hands."

"Fellows like ourselves?"

"Exactly. That was the beginning of the taxi-girl vogue in Singapore. A dance partner for a few cents. And money for those who had launched the vogue. Sing Lee and her half-caste friend began to make lots of money. Sing Lee was even one of the taxi-girls in the beginning. Then they married, so that there should be no whisper of scandal about their establishment. Now, with two dance halls making money every evening for them, the couple can afford to relax. And they move, as you see, in the best circles."

"Suppose we move from here into the circle of the taxi-girls," I suggested.

Twenty minutes' drive into the Chinese quarter of Singapore, and we parked outside a brilliant, electrically-lit fair-ground. "The New World" it announced itself bravely to the night sky. We drifted through a lath-and-canvas Chinese gateway.

I was led to a huge lump of white architecture which suggested a modern garage for a thousand cars. Actually it was a dance hall containing about a thousand humans—yellow and brown, black and pink. We purchased a book of tickets at the entrance and passed through the swing doors into an atmosphere of sounding jazz, tin panhits and sirop drinks as highly mixed and coloured as the drinkers.

But everything most decorous. The taxi-girls were there; a hundred-and-one of them. They were live and pretty Chinese dolls. They sat at tables surrounding the big, highly-polished dance floor. Their slant eyes stared flirtatiously at nothing. I was told the etiquette of the evening. You tear a ticket from the book. Each ticket costs fourpence and entitles you to a dance. Select your girl according to the appeal of the bright colour of her silk jacket and slit skirt. Not all of them speak English; they all dance superbly.

My friend had already selected his Chinese doll and was slithering the floor with her. So, also were many other young English planters. There are many lonely young men in Malaya to-day. To bring out an English wife is an expensive undertaking. Most white men and women avoid entangling

themselves in a triangle that suggests a Somerset Maugham story. For an Englishman with little to spend and a desolate evening before him, the taxi-girl provides a pleasant interlude.

Of course there is the danger of entanglement. Singapore provides many stories of young Europeans who fall crazily in love with these Chinese girls. Some of the girls leave the dance hall and find themselves ensconced in expensive little flats. Yet, for the most part, the taxi-girls are studiously moral. Their own Chinese sweethearts are often in attendance, sitting at the back of the dance hall and watching with impassive faces the white men who claim the girls for dances. Should a girl not be claimed, the young Chinaman will saunter across the floor and take her in his arms.

These Chinese youths reveal themselves as superb dance partners for their taxi-girls.

A Chinese doll in jade green attracted my attention. I bowed at her table, and we began to dance. I tried to make an impression on that impassive, powdered face.

"You dance very well," I said.

"Okay," she said.

"Do you speak English?" I asked.

"Okay," she said.

And that was all. The brief three minutes, which is all that the band allows for each dance, was over. I led the girl back to her table. I discovered that it was not polite to give her the fourpenny ticket boldly. It had to be slipped delicately into her hand beneath the table.

The taxi-girls dance until midnight. Then, like Oriental Cinderellas, they vanish. They present a crumpled mass of tickets before the Chinese paymaster. Some of the girls can earn good money. Some acquire whole books of tickets for one dance given them by an adoring and grateful planter who has found solace in his loneliness. Some of the dance hall proprietors—and there are four or five in Singapore alone employing taxi-girls—make a deduction from the girls' profits. Others boldly advertise that their girls are given the full value of the tickets they collect.

There are many highly-coloured stories told of the taxi-girls. I heard of the one who preferred to dance only with British Naval officers. She showed an unusual interest in talk of the new dockyard, until the Singapore police found that she was in the pay of the Japanese. She was promptly deported back to China. Naval officers have since shown themselves to be very much the "silent service" when spending an evening among the taxi-girls.

I asked one Chinese taxi-girl for a dance. She wore a yellow silk jacket with red dragons writhing across it. She politely refused.

"Sorry, I very tired."

"Leave her alone," whispered my friend. "She belongs to the wealthiest tycoon in Singapore. She is not allowed to dance with anyone else."

He nodded in the direction of a European financier sitting a few tables away. The financier scowled. I hurriedly sought another partner. The dance was the "Lambeth Walk." My Chinese taxi-girl went through it gracefully and decorously.

"Everything free and easy, do as you darn well please."

There was not a suspicion of a smile on her face. I led her back to the table and slipped her a ticket with a sigh.

In the Chinese chatter of these girls between dances, one need not be surprised to hear the politics of the Far East being discussed. Although the Chinese woman is considered the most unwanted of all surplus females—Chinese fathers in Hong Kong

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still upset Imperial prestige by selling their daughters when in financial difficulties—the Chinese girls of Singapore are fanatically patriotic to the China of Chiang Kai-shek.

A beautiful taxi-girl was pointed out to me. She had offered

herself in marriage to the first man who was willing to subscribe in hard cash 10,000 dollars to help China defeat the enemy. I felt like "The Card" in Arnold Bennett's novel when I offered her a fourpenny ticket for a dance. She graciously accepted.



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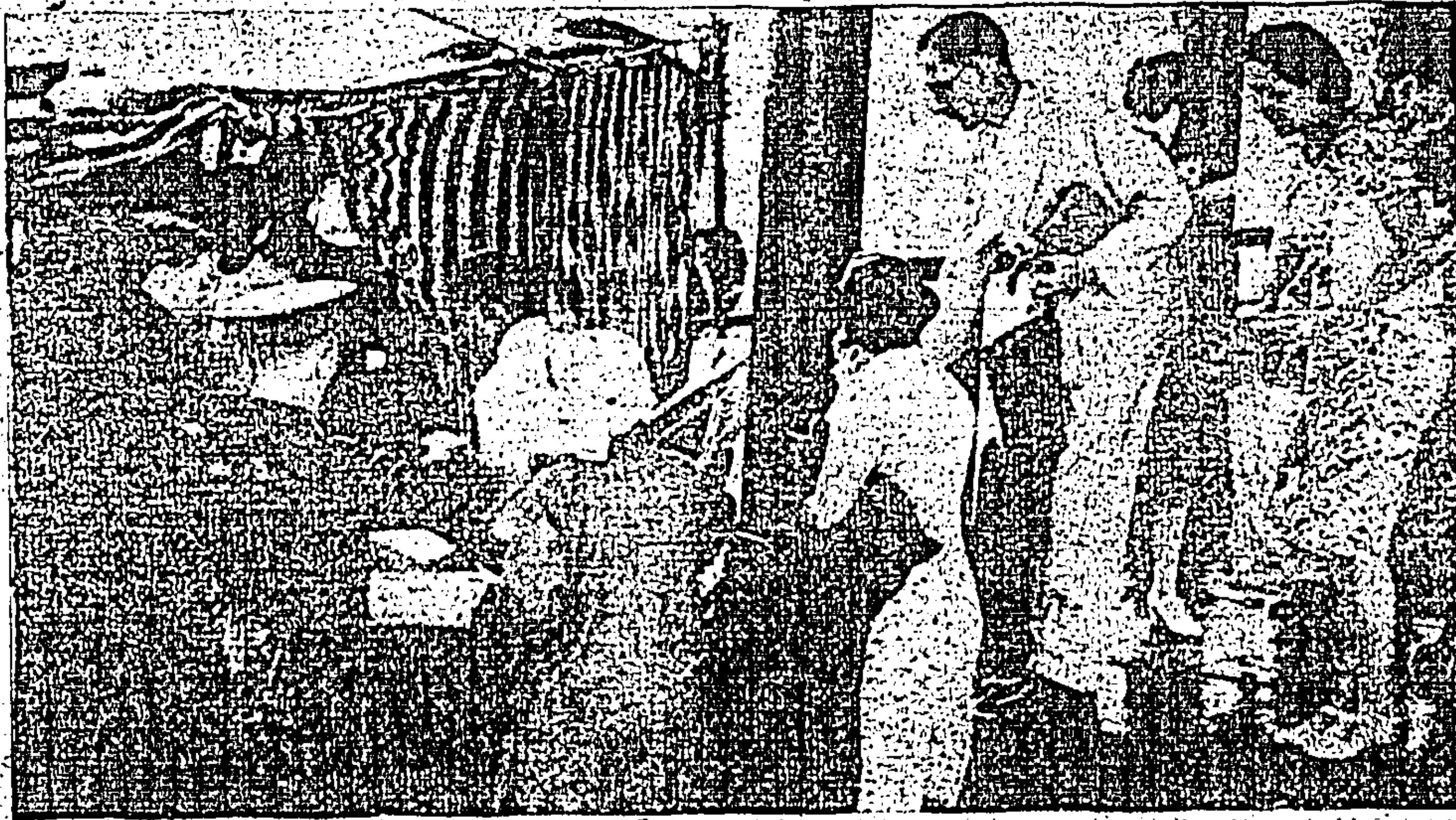
The H.B. Baseball Team, which is to play off the finals with the U.S.S. Mindanao to-morrow.



She looks a little worried, but Dad is keeping his chin up nobly—snapped at the evacuation of women and children to Australia last Saturday.



Some of the evacuees who left Hong Kong for Australia last Saturday morning.



Evacuees going on board the launch last Saturday that took them to a large Canadian liner which is conveying them to Australia in record time.



Bundles, bags and "broilias" were much in evidence as the evacuees for Australia left Hong Kong last week-end.



When "National Savings Week" opened in England, Londoners were given this message by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the form of a huge banner erected along the face of the Royal Exchange, London. The British public responded splendidly to Sir Kingsley Wood's appeal.